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The young lions
of Soweto, by
Helen Suzman, p 12

India relaxes emergency hold March election

India is to hold a general election in March. Mrs Gandhi announced yesterday. The Prime Minister's surprise news included a relaxation of the emergency laws but they will not be lifted. A number of jailed political leaders, including Mr Morarji Desai, the Deputy Prime Minister, but oppositionists have reacted cautiously.

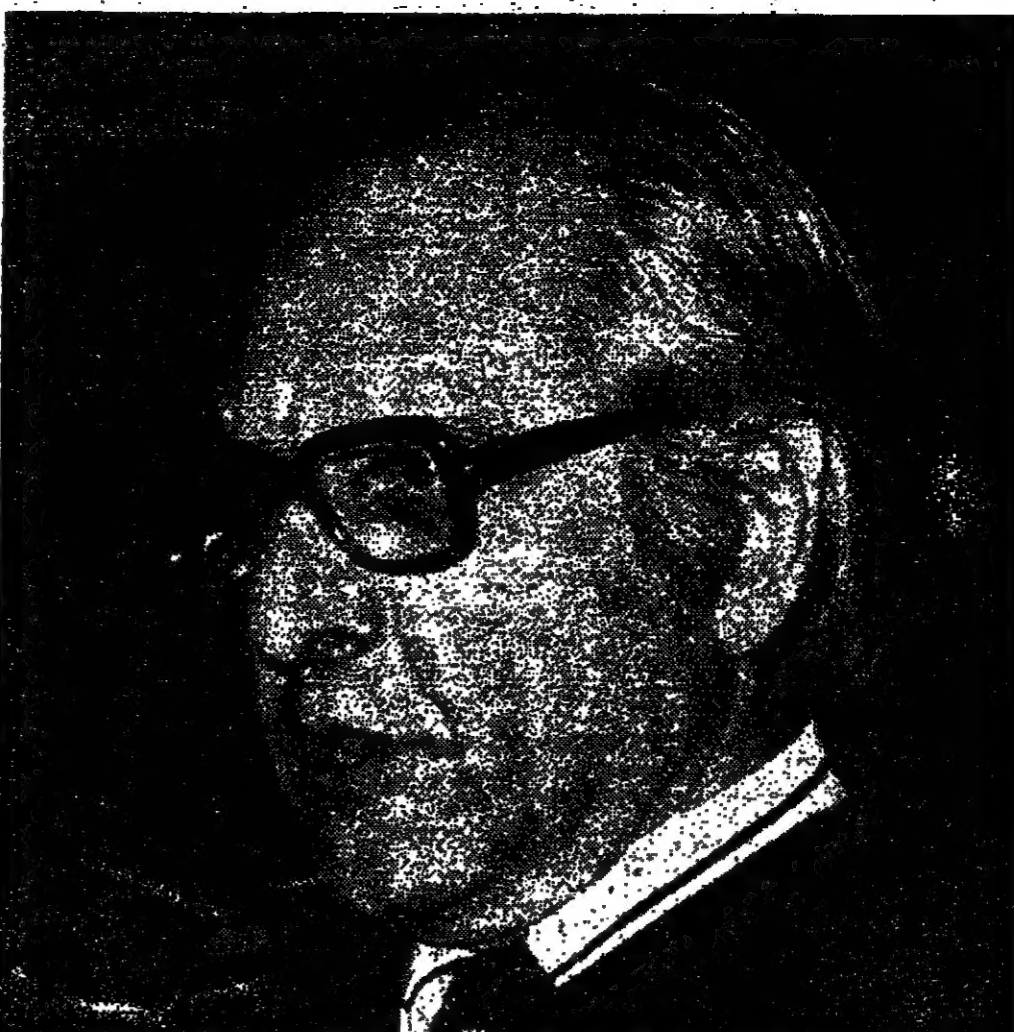
Mr Desai among the politicians freed

Mr Desai, the Deputy Prime Minister, was among the 13 political leaders freed by Mrs Gandhi's announcement. The Prime Minister said that the emergency laws would be relaxed but would not be lifted. She said that the country had reached a stage where it was necessary to hold a general election. The Prime Minister said that the emergency laws would be relaxed but would not be lifted. She said that the country had reached a stage where it was necessary to hold a general election. The Prime Minister said that the emergency laws would be relaxed but would not be lifted. She said that the country had reached a stage where it was necessary to hold a general election.

Churchmen move a step nearer unity

By our Religious Affairs Correspondent
Under certain conditions the Anglican Communion would be willing to accept the Pope as a universal primate in a united church, according to an official statement from a team of Anglican and Roman Catholic theologians, published today.

The statement, published with the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, and Pope Paul VI, says that the theologians found a convergence of belief to their surprise. It led to a consensus on fundamental principles which was applicable to both sides. Certain items of Roman Catholic belief, such as papal infallibility, continue to cause "grave difficulties" to Anglicans. The theologians claim, however, to have found enough common ground for outstanding differences to be resolved, and meanwhile call for a new spirit in relations.



Mr Silkin, the Attorney General, leaving after addressing the Court of Appeal.

Mr Silkin declines to explain to court his view on post ban

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent
Mr Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, told the Court of Appeal yesterday that it is not entitled to examine his reasons for refusing to give his consent to an action aimed at stopping the proposed Post Office workers' ban on postal services to South Africa.

Dougal Haston killed by Swiss avalanche

From Alan McGregor
Geneva, Jan 18
Mr Dougal Haston, the Scot who climbed the south-west face of Everest in 1975 with Mr Doug Scott, was killed by an avalanche yesterday while skiing alone above Leskin in the Swiss Alps.



Mr Haston: skiing alone.

According to one of his friends, Mr Alan Rankin, a Canadian who keeps a hotel at Leskin, he had taken a ski lift up the Riondaz and then climbed to the top for his run. The search, by 50 men and six avalanche dogs, started soon after it became obvious as darkness fell that Mr Haston was long overdue. At 10 o'clock last night, one of the search teams found the site of the avalanche, which had carried Mr Haston down the slope. His body was found under 6ft of snow.

Stoppage at 'The Times' condemned

The stoppage at The Times last Thursday was condemned in an emergency statement by the Press Council yesterday. The action of some printing room unionists who objected to a report of an article by Mr David Astor criticizing newspaper unions amounted to censorship, the statement said.

£164m expansion will boost brewery jobs

Allied Breweries announced an investment programme of at least £164m over the next two years which, the company said, would create "hundreds of new jobs". The company considered the time ripe for capital investment which would be centred on existing breweries at Burton, Wrexham and Alton. News of the investment was welcomed by Mr Jack Jones, of the transport workers' union, who said he hoped other companies would follow Allied's "splendid example".

Rail toll climbs in Sydney

Rescuers who last night had taken 36 bodies from a Sydney commuter train crushed by a falling road bridge feared at least 50 more dead still lay in the wreckage, and that the final disaster toll could be the worst in Australia's history. The crash occurred when the morning peak-hour express ploughed through the supports of the bridge, which fell 30ft on to the crowded carriages.

Yugoslav leader dies in air crash

Mr Bjedlic, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, was killed yesterday, together with his wife and six other people, when their eight-seater jet aircraft crashed in a snowstorm west of Sarajevo. He was on his way to address a meeting of the party Central Committee in Sarajevo. Page 7

Speaker stops Duke's critic

Labour MPs criticized the Duke of Edinburgh's remarks in a magazine about the underprivileged and the enterprising. In the House Mr Lamond (Oldham East) described his remarks as impudent and ill advised. The Speaker intervened to say that it was the custom of the Commons to speak of the Royal Family with respect. Page 2

More harbour bodies found

The Barcelona harbour death toll rose to 44 yesterday as fishermen recovered more bodies of American sailors and marines who were in the launch which capsized on Monday. The total may go as high as 70. Page 7

Jail ruled out for girls of 14

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, laid an order in Parliament to end the remand of girls under 15 to adult jails from March 15. Girls unsuitable for bail will be the responsibility of the local authority. Page 2

India struggle to save Test

India, needing 284 to beat England, have scored 45 for three and face a struggle to save the third Test. Indian officials have discussed the Lever affair and are to pass their findings on to Lord's. Page 10

Police called as prisoner escorts

Police officers escorted remand prisoners from Leicester jail to courts after prison staff had refused the duty as part of their industrial action in demand for a public inquiry into security at Leicester. Page 2

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Letters: On censorship by industrial action, from Mr David Astor, and others; on the release of Abu Daoud, from Mr Alistair Horne; on a virginal romance, from Mr Jon-Vance-Tyler, and others. Leading articles: The economic outlook; Elections for India. Diary, page 14. Remote Cambodian village gets main electricity at last—and how it has survived without it. Arts, page 11. Jeffery Daniels on a Paris exhibition of Pissarro's drawings; John Higgins on Claudio Abbado recording Simon Boccanegra; Irving Wardle on Sephora Tabares (Apollo Theatre); William Munn on Tenor (Queen Elizabeth Hall). Obituary, page 16. Sir David Watkinson Mr Dougal Haston, Sir Anthony Berry, Adam Fox, Mr Desmond Bileid. Features, pages 13, 14. Pearce Wright on the complex

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Yland workers warned over failure cash in on Car of the Year award

Lord Webb
Ford's failure to meet our expectations was preventing Leyland's benefiting from the Car of the Year award for 1976. The company's 3500, the compact shop steward at its Bromwich body plant.

Thousands riot in Cairo after steep food price increases

Robert Fisk
Jan 18
Egyptian Government's a raise food prices by as much as 31 per cent provoked long and rioting in Cairo tonight. More than 5,000 students, workers and police each other with batons in the city centre. Alexandria, and in the town of Helwan, thousands of demonstrators at the increases in rice and fuel in a whose economy seems to be on the brink of collapse—smashed the windows of buses, cars and clouds of teargas covered Liberation Square in the east of the Nile, and thousands of students and through Cairo's main streets, shouting

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thousand students and workers, yelling slogans against President Sadat and his Government, came close to breaking into the grounds of the People's Assembly—Cairo's white-stone Parliament building—until riot police began to shower them with teargas grenades. The price increases caused an angry exchange in the Assembly yesterday when they were announced by Mr Salah Hamed, the Finance Minister. The controversy arose not only because of the increase itself—rice, for example, went up by 16 per cent—but because the Government also chose the same moment to announce increases in the salaries and pensions of civil servants. The price of sugar has risen to 25p per kilo, petrol goes up by 31 per cent and gas cylinders—there is no mains gas in Egypt—by as much as 45 per cent. Most workers here take home only £46 sterling a month while President Sadat—in the eyes of his opponents—has been allowing the rich to take advantage of the new economic liberalization symbolised by his "open door" policy of foreign investment. The protests today started in Helwan where steel workers stoned cars and buses before ordering lorry drivers to take them to Cairo. By the time they reached the Corniche beside the River Nile and the dual carriageway along Kasr el-Aini Street, where the American University has its faculties, more than 2,000 students from four colleges had gathered in the surrounding roads. The assembly buildings are only 100 yards from the university's main entrance and within minutes the policemen behind

the iron gates found themselves confronting a large and angry mob. The crowd threatened several people on the pavement, apparently believing them to be plain clothes policemen—and they manhandled two American reporters when one of them produced a camera. The Helwan steelworkers climbed on to the Assembly railings, his blue coat torn open at the elbows and his shoes held together by string. He waited a few seconds and then belted: "Let's bring this Government down". The students roared their assent. Some of them began running towards the railings and the guards, recruited. One senior policeman, in dress uniform and medals on his chest, tried to leave the building, walking coolly into the crowd. Continued on page 7, col 8

School option

Twenty-six more local education authorities have been given six months to produce plans for comprehensive schooling by Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science. They are in addition to eight authorities given similar ultimatums last November. Parliamentary report, page 8

HOME NEWS

Jail remands for girls aged under 15 to be ended in March

By Penny Symon
The Government is to go some way towards meeting concern about the remanding of juveniles to adult prisons and remand centres by stopping remands for girls under 15 from March 15.

An order under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, was laid before Parliament yesterday by Mr. Reg. H. H. Secretary, Courts will no longer have the power to issue a certificate of unfitness in respect of any girl under 15. If she is considered by a court to be unsuitable for bail she will become the responsibility of the local authority while on remand.

Although the numbers of girls aged 14 who have been remanded to adult prisons and remand centres is small, many local authorities are bound to be worried now that the responsibility for finding secure accommodation for them is theirs.

Pressure for space is particularly acute in London, but the Government believed that it would be wrong to do up legislation of a vital reform because of a difficulty in one part of the country.

Some buildings that would provide secure accommodation for girls, or for girls and boys, in observation and assessment centres are being built or about to be started in London. But they are affected by the present financial constraints.

Magistrates who are anxious that juveniles should not be

South Wales backs NCB retirement scheme

By Tim Jones
Labour Staff
Momentum for a rejection of the National Coal Board's offer on early retirement for miners' slackened unexpectedly yesterday when miners' leaders representing the South Wales coalfield decided overwhelmingly to accept the proposed scheme.

Delegates in Yorkshire and Scotland have voted against acceptance. South Wales, considered a militant area, had been expected to vote with them.

The South Wales area of the National Union of Mineworkers has always insisted that surface workers should be included in the scheme, which will give miners retirement at 62 from August 1, reducing to 60 in mid-1979. There will be ballot among the 250,000 miners on January 26 and 27.

Mr. Emlyn Williams, president of the South Wales miners, said yesterday that an assurance from the union's executive that negotiations would be held on including surface workers in the scheme had strongly influenced their decision.

The decision strengthened speculation that the union as a whole will vote decisively in favour of the deal in the ballot.

Mr. Lawrence Daly, the union's general secretary, said yesterday that most older surface workers were covered by the proposed retirement plan.

TUC warning over 'cheap energy' policy

Mr. Frank Chapple, chairman of the TUC fuel and power industries committee, gave a warning yesterday that Britain would pay dearly by the end of the century if she tried to do things on the cheap.

He said it was not always wise to go for the cheapest fuel; it could cause economic difficulties later, particularly when supplies ran out. The unions wanted a say in energy policy and were pressing for a substantial TUC representation on the proposed energy commission.

Mr. Chapple, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, told the Shell Mex Fuels luncheon club in London: "We are not prepared to rescue the formulation of energy policy from the short-term vagaries of the market place, only to see it taken over by bureaucrats in Whitehall and removed from the public domain."

"Trade unionists do not consider that in such a vital sector as energy the forces of the market place will lead to the best decisions on investment, research and development."

"In the recent past fuel policy in Britain has been the passive form of exploiting the fuel with the cheapest current price in the market place and neglecting the development of other sources."

"Such a policy causes great economic difficulties later when supplies of cheap energy are exhausted or interrupted and when domestic sources have been run down."

"The latest example of this danger was the difficulty caused by the sudden quadrupling of crude oil prices three years ago. The unions have had to go to the assistance of the early 1960s."

He urged the building of more coal-fired power stations and an early government decision on the proposed Drax B station. He said the latter programme must be started now if coal from the large Selby field was to be marketed in the early 1980s.

He said that failure by the Central Electricity Generating Board to commit itself to a steady ordering pattern would lead to unemployment and to imports of generating equipment.

The energy crisis would begin to bite in the 1990s and it was imperative to determine policies for transport until the end of the century and beyond. Mr. Ray Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, told the Chartered Institute of Transport yesterday that the turn of the century would be a widening gap between the United Kingdom's

Jail protes puts extra burden on police

By Clive Borrell
The police were at Leicester prison yesterday, refuting reports that a disciplinary prison staff refused to escort them of their campaign of action in protest at the Secretary's refusal to an independent inquiry.

Prison staff at Leicestershire were at the time yesterday, and refuting reports that a disciplinary prison staff refused to escort them of their campaign of action in protest at the Secretary's refusal to an independent inquiry.

A week ago Thomas Hughes escaped from Leicestershire prison to Chesham Magistrates' Court. He is both a prison officer and a member of the Prison Officers' Association. He was later seen by four people in the Der village of Eastmoor before being cornered and shot by police marksmen.

The staff at Leicestershire prison yesterday long their industrial would last, despite from executive members Prison Officers' Association cooperate with Mr. Fowler, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, who has been asked by Mr. Reg. H. H. Secretary, to investigate the incident and the general conditions at the prison. Prison staff have said they will not cooperate unless a permanent person is appointed to conduct the inquiry.

Several prison officers came off duty last night, their protest continuing. One said: "I don't think a prison depends on a few officers."

Knives were missed: officers at Leicestershire a long bone-handled knife missing from the jail when William Hughes escaped (our Leicestershire Correspondent writes).

It was disclosed last night that Hughes had worked in the kitchen in the jail during his remand. One of the officers said: "When he was missed we became concerned because we knew he was a dangerous man."

"An officer asked for scale search, which is a search which would have meant prisoners being locked up in a thorough search in every cell. The request was refused by an officer in governor's rank. A search, however, did place."

Rebuke for critic of the Duke

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster
A Labour MP, Mr. James Lamond (Oldham, East), was rebuked by the Speaker of the Commons yesterday for his comments on the Duke of Edinburgh's dependence on state aid.

Mr. George Thomas, the Speaker, said it was the established custom that MPs should speak with respect of members of the Royal Family.

When Mr. Skinner, Labour MP for Bolton, remarked: "He has no respect for workers," the Speaker commented: "All I am asking for is courteous language."

Mr. Lamond asked the Prime Minister whether his talks with the TUC would be impeded by speeches, impudent enough to suggest that less attention should be paid to the deprived and underprivileged.

Mr. Callaghan replied cautiously that he was not sure how far the Speaker's ruling went but that there was no ministerial responsibility for speeches by the Duke, and he did not intend to assume any. He did not think such speeches would have an impact, whoever made them, on the great understanding between the Government and the union movement.

The Duke made his remarks in an article in the magazine Director. He was giving his views on the state of the nation "Arrogance": Earlier yesterday the Duke was criticized by Labour MPs (the Press Association reports).

Mr. Tom Listerick, MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, said: "The Duke thinks Toryism is normal human nature. As one of the best-kept social security claimants in the country I think he ought to have spoken with a better sense of responsibility. His statement is straight out of Queen Victoria's age. It is arrogant."

Mr. Michael English (Nottingham, West), said: "His wife has complete exemption from income tax because she is the eldest living descendant of the Electress Sophia of Hanover. I presume therefore that Prince Philip will advocate that some of his family's income, based solely on inheritance, should be given up to help others less fortunate."

Mrs. Colquhoun (Northampton, North), said: "He has become rather a British joke, the kind of anachronism the country has to live with."

Parliamentary report, page 8

Minister pledges Commons statement on vaccine

Mr. Enoch, Secretary of State for Social Services, is to make a full statement on vaccination to the Commons soon because of controversy over brain damage caused to vaccinated children. He has been much questioned by MPs about the dangers of whooping cough vaccine.

He told Mr. Robert Adley, Conservative MP for Christchurch and Lymington, in a written reply yesterday: "I am seeing Sir Charles Stuart-Harris, chairman of the joint committee on vaccination and immunization, on Wednesday, and shortly thereafter I shall be making a full statement on vaccination to the House."

Sir Idwal Pugh, the Ombudsman for Health, agreed on Monday to study individual cases of children who had suffered brain damage after being given whooping cough vaccine.

Unions set to close university

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff
Trade unions say they are prepared to allow Birmingham University to close unless demands for improved holidays for technicians are met.

The Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS) says it plans to intensify its campaign to see the university to stop supplies. Mr. Reginald Bird, the national officer, said last night: "We know they have no oil, and coal stocks are almost exhausted."

The university, however, says fuel stocks are fairly high and that there will be no difficulty "if there is an early spring."

The Transport and General Workers' Union has told members not to cross picket lines, although the university says many have done so.

The university says the dispute is over a claim by the ASTMS for seven weeks' holiday for technicians. That was decided by the union, which says the claim is for four weeks.

University technicians have been on strike at Birmingham for some months. The action has stopped the main computer.

NFU attack on 'green pound abuse'

By George Clark
Political Correspondent
Abuse of the EEC "green currency" arrangements is destroying the confidence of British farmers, Mr. Richard Butler, deputy president of the National Farmers' Union, told the House of Lords select committee on the "green pound" yesterday. Evidence was heard from farmers and consumers' representatives.

"On entry into the Community, the United Kingdom accepted common pricing and the other basic principles of the common agricultural policy (CAP)," Mr. Butler said. "Other countries regarded this as a serious commitment, and so did British farmers. On this basis, there was confidence about the long-term prospects of British agriculture and our farmers were encouraged to consider investment in expansion."

Those prospects had changed. The British Government had adopted most of the mechanisms of the CAP while, through the operation of the green pound, it had retained national control over price levels. Producers saw that in what was called the green pound issue should be taken out of politics."

In a memorandum to the committee, the NFU stated:

"In the long term there can be no justification for maintaining any gap between the pound's underlying real value and the value which is used for converting Community institutional prices into their sterling equivalents. To do so is to court the danger of distorting the optimum allocation of resources in British agriculture and, in a period of declining sterling values, to deny the industry the opportunity to expand its import-saving role."

Dr. William Roberts, head of public affairs, Consumers' Association, disagreed with the NFU's view that it would be preferable to move to a system whereby the European Commission automatically adjusted the green pound rate to match the changes in currency values.

The present green pound gap was about 40 per cent. To eliminate that, which was what the EEC Commission was aiming for, would increase the United Kingdom farm price for butter by about the same amount.

He submitted figures indicating that in 1977 the price of a pound of butter would go up by 21p under the transitional arrangements and allowing for the reduction of subsidy and a 4 per cent green pound devaluation.

For the present we are asking only that the rate shall be set at such a level as will enable producers to earn the funds necessary to finance investment for the kind of expansion described in the Government's White Paper, Food from Our Own Resources. We ask that, as far as possible, the green pound issue should be taken out of politics."

In a memorandum to the committee, the NFU stated:



The Duchess of Kent with shipyard workers after a launching at Sunderland yesterday.

Move to curb Scots MPs' Commons role

By Our Political Staff
Mr. Douglas Henderson, Scottish National Party MP for Aberdeenshire, East, tabled an amendment yesterday to the devolution bill to bar Scottish MPs from discussing and voting on exclusively English matters when the Scottish assembly is set up.

The SNP had proposed the move in an effort to soothe English complaints that too many Scottish MPs would still be sent to Westminster to help to make decisions on English matters.

The proposal might embarrass the Labour Party. Ministers have not disputed the suggestion that 71 Scottish MPs have to remain at Westminster because many are Labour members.

Derailment was caused by speeding, report says

By a Staff Reporter
The biggest share of responsibility for the Nuneaton train crash on June 6, 1975, must lie with the locomotive's driver, Mr. John McKay, according to the official report on the disaster, which is published today. Six people lost their lives in the crash and 35 were injured, 10 of them seriously.

Mr. McKay was charged at Birmingham Crown Court last night with manslaughter. After a three-day trial he was found not guilty.

The report adds that Mr. McKay should have carried the responsibility alone. "All those who failed to use the warning-board propane gas equipment as it should have been used must share some of the responsibility," it states.

The report concludes that the accident took place because the 23.30 Glasgow night sleeper train was driven at a speed of about 80mph over a section of track subject to a speed restriction of 20mph.

Information about the speed restriction was correctly published in a printed notice for drivers. In addition, warning boards, speed indicators and termination of restriction indicators were correctly sited. At the warning board, however, the propane gas equipment used for illuminating the sign was improperly used.

Because of a failure of the gas mantle the warning board light went out at about 22.30 on June 5. Drivers whose trains preceded the 23.30 Euston to Glasgow sleeper saw that the warning-board light was out but none of them reported it, as they should have done, according to the rules laid down for drivers.

Mr. McKay maintained in evidence, the report says, that he was keeping a careful watch for the warning board. When he saw no sign of it he concluded that the speed restriction had been lifted, and continued at speed towards Nuneaton. "If he did make such a decision, it was this that led directly to the derailment," the report says.

Report on the Derailment that occurred on June 6, 1975, at Nuneaton (Stationery Office, £1.00).

Social contract condemned

Mr. John Cousins, one of the leading contenders in the battle to succeed Mr. Jones as general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said last night that the social contract failed to solve Britain's main troubles: inflation, unemployment and balance of payments difficulties.

Four die in crash

Four people were killed in a collision between two cars and a lorry on the A303 at Horton, near Ilminster, Somerset, last night. Firemen freed the victims.

Government win on earnings by pensioners

The Government yesterday survived an attack on its proposal to keep the earnings rule for retirement pensioners at £35 after next April.

In a Commons standing committee on the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill voting was seven to seven on the issue. The chairman, Mr. Bonner Pink, Conservative MP for Portsmouth, South, gave his casting vote in support of the Bill.

The Conservatives, with the support of the only Liberal on the committee, Mr. Cyril Smith, were trying to amend the provisions so that the earnings rule of £50, approved previously by Parliament, would become effective in April.

The Government now intends to relax the figure to earnings, and it is expected to be made about £41 next November.

Mr Prentice says Labour candidates will defy whips

By David Leigh
Political Staff
Mr. Reg Prentice, who has been purposefully talking to non-Labour organizations since he resigned as a Cabinet minister, told the Tory Reform Group yesterday that several Labour candidates at the next election would campaign on a platform of defying the whips.

The left-wing tone of the last party conference was unacceptable to many, he said, and some of his colleagues would be unable to accept more extreme parts of a manifesto based on it.

That prospect is the mildest outcome, Mr. Prentice sees of the present political situation: he told the centrist Reform Group that perhaps he should, in retrospect, have resigned earlier from the Government.

Although he refused to respond to appeals for a letter to come forward and break the party mould, Mr. Prentice said a national crisis might come upon us at any time. The more discussions between like-minded people before it, the better.

He saw two relatively dramatic possibilities in the future. One was that electoral reform would lead to four or five parties in Parliament, with a coalition government forming from two or more.

The second was that the Conservative Party would remain, but recaptured by the "civilized" group in the party, while the Labour Party would shake off its left-wing and come to some sort of terms with the Liberals.

Mr. Prentice, who may fight the next election as an independent, disowned by his local party, hopes British politics would become more like American politics.

The attraction of the Republican and Democratic parties was that they accepted society broadly as it stood. In British terms, a slightly left-of-centre party and a slightly right-of-centre party would be agreed on the mixed economy, the rule of law, and the Western alliance. Differences would be of emphasis.

Mr. Prentice said a second threatened right-wing Labour politician, faces a crucial local party meeting in his Hayes constituency on Sunday. He has been unwilling to comment on reports that, if defeated, he will resign and fight a by-election.

George Ince injured in jail

On the eve of a campaign, to be mounted today, to press for the release from prison of George Ince, who is serving a 15-year sentence for his part in a bullion robbery five years ago, it was disclosed last night that he was under observation in the hospital wing of Gartree prison, Leicester, with injuries to his wrists.

The Home Office said the injuries were inflicted nearly a month ago. No other person was involved.

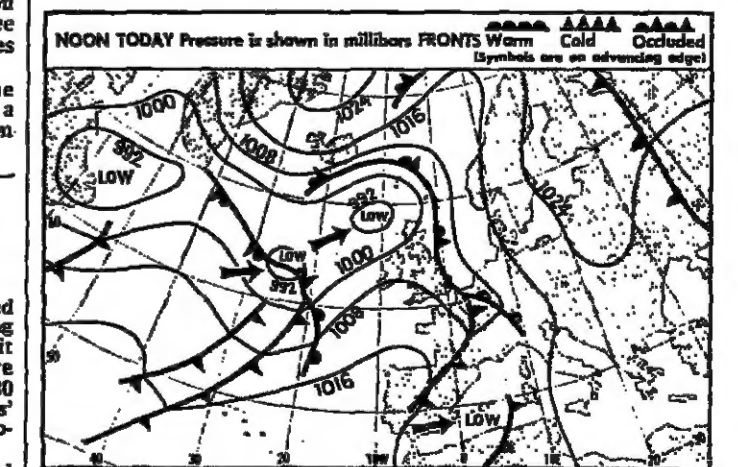
Men killed swan in Hyde Park

Two men said to have killed a swan in Hyde Park, belonging to the Queen, by throwing it and pulling its head off, were fined the maximum £5 with £50 costs at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday under the Protection of Birds Act.

Dr. Latif Azam Vaghney, aged 29, and Kavell Jafari, 28, an electronics student, both from Iran, were charged with the offence.

Dr. Vaghney, who lives at 13, Road, Fulham, said Mr. David Barr, the magistrate, describe it as an unpleasant and unhappy case.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today			
Sun rises: 7.56 am	Sun sets: 4.27 pm	Moon rises: 7.18 am	Moon sets: 4.53 pm
New Moon: 2.11 pm			
Lighting up: 4.57 pm to 7.25 am			
High water: London Bridge, 1.14 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); Avonmouth, 6.56 am, 13.2m (44.0ft); Dover, 10.40 am, 6.6m (21.6ft); 11.4 pm, 6.3m (20.7ft); Hull, 7.42 am, 7.19 am, 13.2m (44.0ft); 2.41 pm, 6.1 pm, 7.4m (24.4ft); Liverpool, 10.51 am, 9.5m (31.1ft); 11.19 pm, 9.2m (30.3ft).			
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:			
Pressure will be low to the W of Britain, while a trough over E districts moves slowly E.			
London, SE England, East Anglia: Rain or drizzle at first, bright or clear intervals later, scattered showers; wind SE, moderate, veering W; max temp 6°C (43°F).			
Central S and N England, E Midlands: Rather cloudy, bright intervals developing, scattered showers; wind mainly W, light.			
Wales, NW England, Lake District: Bright intervals, occasional showers, possibly wistery on high ground; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 6°C (43°F).			
Isle of Man, SW and NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Bright intervals, showers, heavy in places; wind on snow on hills; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 6°C to 8°C (43°F to 46°F).			
Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Outbreaks of rain or snow, becoming brighter, scattered wistery showers; wind SE, fresh, veering SW; max temp 5°C (41°F).			
NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: (41°F).			
WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.			
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Overseas selling prices			
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Canada	100	100	100
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Germany	100	100	100
Italy	100	100	100
Japan	100	100	100
Netherlands	100	100	100
Portugal	100	100	100
Spain	100	100	100
Sweden	100	100	100
Switzerland	100	100	100
U.S.A.	100	100	100
U.K.	100	100	100
Yugoslavia	100	100	100

Press Council condemns 'censorship' of 'Times'

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newspaper. They are specifically designed to achieve reparation by correcting inaccuracies and, in appropriate cases, providing the right of reply by the quotation of the complainant's response to the disputed publication. The council's declaration of the complainant's right to have that reply published in the offending newspaper or periodical was published in due course.

This machinery being available to any trade unionists who were aggrieved by what The Times proposed to publish on January 13, 1977, they were wrong to take action to prevent publication. Their proper course would have been to write a reply addressed to the editor of The Times and to have it published in the Press Council if that letter was not published in due course.

What they in fact did was censorship, which is totally unacceptable in a country which enjoys freedom of expression and freedom of the press.

The Press Council has said on other occasions, and must now

Plea to allow a Cypriot family to remain

By a Staff Reporter
Lord Avebury, chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Human Rights, urged Mr. John, Minister of State at the Home Office, to allow a Cypriot family of four of mixed Turkish-Greek origin to remain in Britain.

Mrs. Zehra Oguz, aged 37, who came to Britain to join her husband, Mr. Oguz Osman, was still being held in detention at Heathrow last night, pending consideration of representations. Mr. Osman's application to remain permanently has been rejected, although he is likely to appeal.

MP describes Agee appeal procedure as a farce

By Our Political Staff
Mr. Alex Lyon, a former Home Office minister, said yesterday that the appeal procedure for deportation cases like that of Mr. Philip Agee, the former Central Intelligence Agency employee, was a farce.

Mr. Lyon, Labour MP for York, said in a letter to Mr. Reg. H. H. Secretary, that he had supported the use of the procedure until now. But his present experience had convinced him "that in future the marginal cases where the deportee disputes the allegations should be tried by a

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criminal court, whatever the diplomatic repercussions."

The case, in which Mr. Agee had to appeal to a panel of three advisers without knowledge of the grounds on which the Home Office wanted to deport him, has led to doubts in that department about the practicability of the special procedure laid down for security cases.

Hosenball appeal: Mr. Mark Hosenball, an American journalist on the Evening Standard in London who is facing deportation for security reasons, will begin his representations to the panel today.

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PC badly injured by train

Police Constable Michael Taylor, aged 27, was struck by a train at Sowerby Bridge station, West Yorkshire, yesterday while investigating a suspected case of vandalism on a railway signal. He was near a tunnel when he was hit, and suffered severe head and chest injuries.

Air fare inquiry 'a waste of time'

By Arthur Reed
The inquiry into whether European air fares are too high had been "little short of a fiasco", Mr Robert McCrindle, parliamentary consultant to the Guild of Business Travel Agents, said yesterday. What little of concrete value that emerged from the discussions appeared to have confirmed the attitudes of the airlines that European air fares are not, in the main, overpriced in comparison with those in the United States. "The truth is that this was little more than a public relations exercise on the part of the authority to appease the Airline Users' Committee, and it seems that this consumer body was out of its depth when the originally criticised level of European air fares, and has stumbled on like an innocent in the jungle", he said. He was surprised that the Civil Aviation Authority had lent its authority to "this waste of time".

Lesson for newer towns in cities' decay

By Our Planning Reporter
The idea that the crisis facing the inner cities is a fairly new phenomenon, caused by the rapid collapse of industrial employment in the early 1960s, is challenged in a booklet published yesterday. It is based on detailed studies by the National Community Development Project of five specific small areas; Benwell and North Shields in the North-east, Bailey in West Yorkshire, Salford in Birmingham, and Canning Town in east London. It concludes that the decay, which is attracting so much attention, is simply the final stage in a pattern of growth, stability and decline, the last of

Work in London's East End has disappeared faster than people 'Homes before jobs' policy being questioned

By John Young
Planning Reporter
The Government is likely to be pressed during 1977 to adopt a more discriminating policy on employment incentives. It will be urged to concentrate its efforts on the districts worst affected, including the inner cities, which Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, has promised will be given special consideration. Nearly half of Britain's population lives in so-called assisted areas. To classify whole regions as in need of special help, it is argued, is to obscure the real difficulties: the unemployment figures for the North-west, for instance, tend to disguise the acute crisis in parts of Merseyside. Even in Greater London, where unemployment is slightly below the national average, the position in some inner districts is as bad as anywhere in the country. Yet because the South-east as a whole is deemed to be relatively prosperous, they receive no help. It is just a year since the Greater London Council reversed the policy it started 25 years ago of encouraging dispersal from the inner city. It is generally accepted that a thinning out of the formerly reeking East End slums, for instance, was necessary and desirable, but the accompanying table shows how far the planners' dream of a new life for the inhabitants who remained has failed to come true. In Poplar and Stepney, the heart of the old East End, the population has fallen by more than a third, yet unemployment is still well over twice the national average. By contrast, Uxbridge enjoys virtually full employment, although its population in the same period has increased by more than a tenth. The fact, which nobody evidently foresaw a quarter of a century ago, is that jobs have disappeared faster than people. Inspired by that strange slogan, "Homes before jobs", the planners decided that the nearest and easiest solution to overcrowded slums was comprehensive redevelopment, allied to new zoning regulations that displaced thousands of small industrial simply because they were adjudged to be "non-conforming". Some inner London boroughs, though not all, are now convinced that the policy was a disaster, that they can expect little practical help from either the Government or the GLC, and that regeneration will depend largely on their own efforts. The outstanding example is Greenwich, which took the lead by appointing an employment development officer, Mr George Prince, as long ago as 1963. At that time, after the closure of several large industrial plants, about a fifth of the total local labour force of 100,000 was out of work. Since then, Mr George says, some £10m has been invested in existing industry, creating 2,000 new jobs. Still more remarkable, 120 new firms have moved into more than a million square feet of refurbished factory space, representing an investment of some £20m and providing an extra 4,000 jobs. His policy has been, first, to keep in close touch with every firm "to try to stop the rot" and secondly, to concentrate on attracting small firms that have been displaced by redevelopment schemes elsewhere but need to be close to central London. "We are not able to offer them any incentives", he pointed out. "All we can do is to encourage them, make them feel they are wanted and give them all the help we can in obtaining industrial development certificates and so on." There are still formidable difficulties, notably the high cost of land, rent and rates.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION LOSS IN LONDON

District	Sept. 1976, unemployment (%)	Borough pop 1951 (000s)	Borough pop 1976 (000s)	Change (%)
Poplar	13.3	231	150	-35.0
Stepney	11.8	303	253	-16.4
Deptford	10.7	271	179	-33.9
Holloway	9.3	338	242	-28.6
Bermondsey	9.2	294	231	-21.4
Canning Town	8.6	241	170	-29.5
Hammersmith	8.6	241	170	-29.5
Best site				
Kingston	2.8	147	136	-7.5
Finchley	2.8	320	287	-7.1
Handon	2.7	210	233	+10.9
Uxbridge	2.7	205	217	+5.8
Edith	2.6	211	203	-3.8
Feltham	2.5			

Lesson for newer towns in cities' decay

which began as long ago as the end of the First World War. "Decline has not been a simple process", it observes. "The collapse of the old industries is only one part of it, a part which has set up a long chain reaction. The surplus of unemployed workers, empty land and buildings left behind by the collapse of the traditional industries were soon exploited in new ways by new enterprises. The growth of the new activities may have mopped up some of the unemployed in some areas, but it has not reversed the decline of these areas' economic bases; it has only served to disguise the full consequences of this decline." New manufacturing, warehousing and distribution businesses are attracted to older premises, which they can either rent cheaply or buy and convert at little cost. But their investment commitments are slight, and most of the jobs provided are low-paid and involve little skill. Of the land released by the decline of older industries, much has simply remained derelict; more than a third of Salford's industrial belt has been unused for years. But the property boom of the 1970s also provided large profits from investing in land rather than manufacturing industry, and some companies were able to solve their cash-flow difficulties and supplement their capital by "asset-stripping". The booklet advances no specific solutions, although it condemns both the capitalist system and government policies of intervention and regional aid. It also gives a warning that the history of the five areas studied contains a lesson for newer and apparently more successful towns and cities. The Costs of Industrial Change. (Home Office Urban Deprivation Unit, Horseferry House, Dean Ryle Street, London, SW1P 2AW, and CDP offices in Birmingham, Newham, Newcastle and North Tyneside, 80p.)

Appeal for directives on school spending

By Our Education Correspondent
The National Association of Head Teachers in a statement today asks the Government to issue "directives" on the amount of money local education authorities should spend on maintaining minimum standards in schools. Mr Michael Brighouse, chairman of the association's educational administration committee, says he wants the Government to prevent the teacher-pupil ratio from falling below the 1975 level. He would like to see minimum standards laid down for the amounts to be spent for a child on books, stationery and equipment. The association, which represents about 18,000 head teachers in state schools, says it is worried about the wide differences in school spending between local authorities. Each authority is allowed to decide how it allocates the rate-support grant among its different public services. Mr Brighouse says that worsening pupil-teacher ratios were particularly harmful to primary schools in towns, causing more children to leave school illiterate and semi-literate. In secondary schools O-level and A-level options were being abandoned halfway through the course. The association also says that charges for school meals should be raised. State subsidies on milk and meals should be removed from the education budget and transferred to the Department of Health and Social Security. The statement says buses providing free travel for pupils living long distances from school were picking up other children free of charge. Those children should be charged economic fares.

Rampton Hospital fire

Five patients were moved from a dormitory at the top-security Rampton Hospital, Nottinghamshire, yesterday, when fire broke out in a locker room.

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Attorney General tells judges that he is answerable to Parliament alone

Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Ormrod, in a unanimous decision, have ruled that the Attorney General is answerable to Parliament alone. The decision was made in a case brought by the Union of Post Office Workers, which sought an injunction to prevent the Attorney General from taking any action which might interfere with the union's right to picket.

The Attorney General, Sir Geoffrey Gifford, had applied to the court for an injunction to prevent the union from picketing. He argued that the union's picketing was unlawful and that he was bound to take action to prevent it. The court, however, found in favour of the union. Lord Denning said that the Attorney General was not a public servant, but a politician. He was answerable to Parliament, not to the courts. Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Ormrod agreed with Lord Denning.

Lord Justice Ormrod said: "Does that go for injunctions, too?" The Attorney General replied: "No. The plaintiff in the present case has sought an injunction to prevent the Attorney General from taking any action which might interfere with the union's right to picket. That is a different matter."

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Justice Lawton: The constitutional problem arises in this case first came to the attention of the Attorney General in 1973. At that time, the Attorney General was asked to advise on the legality of the union's picketing. He advised that the picketing was unlawful. The union then applied to the court for an injunction to prevent the Attorney General from taking any action which might interfere with the union's right to picket.

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Ex-councillor jailed for six months

John McInnes, a former Glasgow councillor, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for presenting a forged letter, but was found not guilty of four charges of fraudulently claiming a total of £2,700 expenses and loss of earnings between 1972 and 1975 for meetings that the prosecution alleged he did not attend.

In his summing-up, Sheriff Francis Middleton criticised the procedure of Glasgow City Council for handling expenses claims. He said that Mr McInnes had been guilty of gross deceit.

He gave Miss Celina Rossi, aged 27, an Italian student, a three-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, and fined her £350 with £25 costs for thefts from Harrods and another store.

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Mid Rose Campbell, aged 41, a former trainee policeman, who took a £1 note from a colleague's purse was fined by Judge Griffiths at Ingham Crown Court yesterday as a "rotten member" of the force. It was a good she had been discovered by a former colleague, he said. Campbell, of Wolverton, was given a conditional discharge for two years ordered to pay £100 costs.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Agreement reached on doctrine of authority in the Church

A statement issued today by the Anglican and Roman Catholic theological commission stated that agreement had been reached on the doctrine of authority in the Church, apart from qualifications on papal primacy.

The agreed statement said that while the words of the Holy Spirit in the Bible do not fully resolve all the problems of authority, it provided a solid basis for confronting them.

The following is the text of the general statement:

Introduction

1. The confession of Christ as Lord is the heart of the Christian faith. To him God has entrusted authority in heaven and on earth. As Lord of the Church he bestows the Holy Spirit to create communion with himself and with one another. To bring his *koinonia* to perfection is the Church's eternal purpose. The Church exists to serve the fulfilment of this purpose when God will be all in all.

I. CHRISTIAN AUTHORITY

2. Through the gift of the Spirit the apostolic community came to recognize in the words and deeds of Jesus the saving activity of God and their mission to proclaim to all men the good news of salvation. Therefore they preached Jesus through whom God has spoken finally to men. Assisted by the Holy Spirit they transmitted what they had heard to the new life and words of Jesus and their interpretation of his redemptive work. Consequently the inspired words of the Bible are the documents in which this related came to be accepted by the Church as a normative record of the authentic foundation of the faith. To these documents the Church has recourse for the inspiration of its life and mission; to these the Church refers its teaching and practice. Through the words of the Word of God is conveyed. Entrusted with these documents, the Christian community is enabled by the Holy Spirit to live out the gospel and so to be led into all truth. It is therefore given the capacity to assess its faith and life and to speak to the world in the name of Christ. Shared commitment and belief create a common mind in the Church. The gospel should be interpreted and obeyed. By reference to this common faith each person tests the truth of his beliefs and actions.

3. The Spirit of the risen Lord, who indwells the Christian community, continues to maintain the people of God in obedience to the Father's will. He safeguards the faith and leads to the revelation of Jesus Christ and equips them for their mission in the world. By this Spirit the authority of the Lord is active in the Church. Through incorporation into Christ and obedience to his will, the Church is made open to one another and assumes mutual obligations. Since the Lordship of Christ is universal, the community bears a responsibility towards all mankind, which demands participation in all that promotes the good of society and the well-being of all human beings. The common life in the body of Christ equips the community and each of its members with what is needed to fulfil this responsibility: they are enabled so to live that the authority of Christ will be mediated through them. This Christian authority: when Christians so act and speak, men perceive the authoritative word of Christ.

II. AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH

4. The Church is a community which consciously seeks to submit to Jesus Christ. By sharing in the life of the Spirit all find within the *koinonia* the means to be faithful to the revelation of their Lord. Some respond more fully to his call; by the inner quality of their life they win a respect which allows them to speak in Christ's name with authority.

5. The Holy Spirit also gives to some individuals and communities special gifts for the benefit of the Church, which enable them to speak and be heard (see Eph 4.11, 12; 1 Cor 12.1-11).

Among these gifts of the Spirit for the edification of the Church is the episcopate of the ordained ministry. There are some whom the Holy Spirit commissions through ordination to service to the whole community. They exercise their authority in fulfilling ministerial functions related to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2.42). This pastoral authority belongs primarily to the bishop, who is responsible for the unity and promoting the integrity of the *koinonia* in order to further the Church's response to the Lordship of Christ and its mission to the world. Since the bishop has general oversight of the community, he can require the compliance necessary to maintain order and charity in its daily life. He does not, however, act alone. He does not have authority over those who have received their own ministerial responsibility and interdependence. This service of the Church, often exercised in the person of the bishop, is intrinsic to the Church's structure according to the mandate given by Christ and recognized by the Church. This is yet another form of authority.

6. The perception of God's will for his Church is shared by all who are faithful within the *koinonia* and who share in the leadership of the Spirit and are brought towards a deeper understanding of the gospel and of its implications. Ordained ministers commissioned to discern these implications are, therefore, part of the community, sharing its quest for understanding the gospel in obedience to Christ and receptive to the needs and concerns of all.

The community, for its part, must respond to and assess the insights and teaching of the ordained ministers. Through this continuing process of discernment and response, in which the faith is expressed and the gospel is personally applied, the Church declares the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the faithful may live freely under the discipline of the gospel.

7. It is by such means as these that the Holy Spirit keeps the Church under the Lordship of Christ, who, taking full account of human weakness, has promised never to abandon his people. The authorities in the Church cannot adequately reflect Christ's authority subject to the limitations and sinfulness of human nature. Awareness of this inadequacy is a continual summons to reform.

III. AUTHORITY IN THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCHES

8. The *koinonia* is realized not only in the local Christian communities, but also in the communion of these communities with one another. The unity of local communities under one bishop constitutes what is commonly meant in our texts in order to guard and promote the *koinonia*.



The Anglican Bishop of Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin, the Right Rev H. R. McAdoe (left), and the Roman Catholic Bishop of East Anglia, Mgr Alan C. Clark, co-chairman.

expression is sometimes used in order to express the unity of the Church. Each church is rooted in the witness of the apostles and entrusted with the apostolic mission. Faithful to the gospel, each church is an ecclesial and dedicated to the service of the same Lord, it is the Church of Christ. In spite of diversities each local church recognizes its own essential features in the others and its true identity with them. The authoritative action and proclamation of the people of God to the world therefore are not simply the responsibilities of each church acting separately, but of the local churches together. The spiritual gifts of one may be an inspiration to the others. Since each bishop must ensure that the local community is distinctively Christian he has to make it aware of the universal communion of which it is part. The Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of the Church, is the Spirit of the Church. Every local church must therefore ever seek a deeper understanding and clearer expression of the common faith, both of which are threatened when churches are isolated by division.

9. Ever since the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15) the churches have realized the need to express and strengthen the *koinonia* by gathering together to discuss matters of mutual concern and to meet contemporary challenges. Such gatherings may be either regional or worldwide. Through such meetings the Church is enabled to be obedient to Christ and faithful to his vocation, formulates its rule of faith and orders its life. In all the regional council or synod, only, or of bishops, clergy, and laity, decisions are authoritative when they express the common faith and mission of the Church. The decisions of what has traditionally been called an "ecumenical council" are binding upon the whole Church; those of a regional council or synod, only, or of bishops, clergy, and laity, decisions are authoritative when they express the common faith and mission of the Church. The decisions of what has traditionally been called an "ecumenical council" are binding upon the whole Church; those of a regional council or synod, only, or of bishops, clergy, and laity, decisions are authoritative when they express the common faith and mission of the Church.

10. Early in the history of the Church a function of oversight of the other bishops of their regions was assigned to the bishop, an ancient sees. Concern to keep the churches faithful to the will of Christ was among the considerations which led to the development of this practice. This practice has continued to the present day. This form of episcopate is a service to the Church, which enables the bishop to exercise his responsibility with the other bishops of the region; for every bishop receives at ordination both responsibility for his local church and the obligation to be in communion with the other bishops. The Church of God is found in each of the local churches. The purpose of the *koinonia* is the realization of the will of Christ: Father, keep them in thy name, who have been given to thee by thy promise, that they may be one, as we are one... so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me (John 17.11, 21, 23). The bishop of the region is the one who is responsible for the unity and promoting the integrity of the *koinonia* in order to further the Church's response to the Lordship of Christ and its mission to the world. Since the bishop has general oversight of the community, he can require the compliance necessary to maintain order and charity in its daily life. He does not, however, act alone. He does not have authority over those who have received their own ministerial responsibility and interdependence. This service of the Church, often exercised in the person of the bishop, is intrinsic to the Church's structure according to the mandate given by Christ and recognized by the Church. This is yet another form of authority.

11. It is within the context of this historical development that the see of Rome, whose prominence was associated with the names of Peter and Paul, eventually became the principal centre in matters concerning the Church universal. The importance of the bishop of Rome among his brother bishops, as explained by analogy with the apostles, was interpreted as Christ's will for his Church. On the basis of this analogy the Holy Spirit has given to the bishop of Rome a special role in the Church. This service was explicitly intended to support them in their ministry. The teaching of these councils shows that communion with the bishop of Rome does not mean the loss of the distinctive features of the local churches. The purpose of the episcopal function of the bishop of Rome is to promote Christian fellowship in faithfulness to the teaching of the apostles.

The theological interpretation of this primacy and the administrative structures through which it has been exercised have varied considerably through the centuries. Neither theory nor practice made it proper to reflect these ideals. Sometimes functions assumed by the see of Rome were not necessarily linked to the primacy; sometimes the conduct of the occupant of this see has been unworthy of its office; sometimes the image of this office has been obscured by interpretations placed upon it; and sometimes external pressures have led to a distortion of its primacy, rightly understood, implies that the bishop of Rome exercises his oversight in order to guard and promote the *koinonia*.

12. In his mission to proclaim and safeguard the gospel the Church has the obligation and the competence to make declarations in matters of faith. This mission involves the whole people of God, among whom some may rediscover or perceive more clearly than others certain aspects of the saving truth. At times these revelations, accepted or rejected, may be inadequate, mistaken, or even incoherent with the gospel. When such revelations are accepted, they may be inadequate, mistaken, or even incoherent with the gospel. When such revelations are accepted, they may be inadequate, mistaken, or even incoherent with the gospel.

13. A local church cannot be truly faithful to Christ if it does not desire to foster universal communion, the embodiment of that unity which Christ prayed. This communion is founded on faith in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, crucified, risen, ascended, and now living through his Spirit in the Church. Every local church must therefore ever seek a deeper understanding and clearer expression of the common faith, both of which are threatened when churches are isolated by division.

14. The Church's purpose in its proclamation is to lead mankind to accept God's saving work in Christ, an acceptance which not only requires intellectual assent but also demands the response of the whole person. In order to clarify and transmit what it believed and to build up and safeguard the Church, the Church has found the formulation of creeds, conciliar definitions, and other statements of belief indispensable. But these are always instrumental to the truth which they are intended to convey.

15. The Church's life and work are shaped by its historical mission and by its subsequent experience, and by its endeavour to make the relevance of the gospel plain to every generation. Through reflection upon the word of God, the Church's ability to proclaim the gospel and to show forth the Christian life; for we believe that the Holy Spirit will lead it into all truth. That is why the Church, in spite of its failures, can be described as indefectible.

V. CONCILIAR AND PRIMATIAL AUTHORITY

In times of crisis or when fundamental matters of faith are in question, the Church can make judgments, consonant with Scripture, which are authoritative. When the Church gathers in an ecumenical council its decisions on fundamental matters of faith are authoritative. Through the Holy Spirit the Church commits itself to these judgments, recognizing that, being faithful to Scripture and consistent with Tradition, they are by the Holy Spirit protected from error. They do not add to the truth but, although not exhaustive, they clarify the Church's understanding of the faith. In such judgments, the Holy Spirit is active in the Church. Whatever further clarification or interpretation may be required by the Church, the truth expressed will always be confessed. This binding authority does not belong to every council; it belongs to those which formulate the central truths of salvation. This authority is ascribed in both our traditions to the ecumenical councils of the first centuries.

20. The bishops are collectively responsible for defending and interpreting the apostolic faith. The primary responsibility of a bishop implies that, after consulting his fellow bishops, he may speak in their name and express the faith of the Church. The Holy Spirit is active in the Church. Whatever further clarification or interpretation may be required by the Church, the truth expressed will always be confessed. This binding authority does not belong to every council; it belongs to those which formulate the central truths of salvation. This authority is ascribed in both our traditions to the ecumenical councils of the first centuries.

21. It is primary to be a genuine expression of episcopate if it will foster the *koinonia* by helping the bishops to be in communion with one another and with the Church universal. Primacy is a service to the Church, which enables the bishop to exercise his responsibility with the other bishops of the region; for every bishop receives at ordination both responsibility for his local church and the obligation to be in communion with the other bishops. The Church of God is found in each of the local churches. The purpose of the *koinonia* is the realization of the will of Christ: Father, keep them in thy name, who have been given to thee by thy promise, that they may be one, as we are one... so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me (John 17.11, 21, 23). The bishop of the region is the one who is responsible for the unity and promoting the integrity of the *koinonia* in order to further the Church's response to the Lordship of Christ and its mission to the world. Since the bishop has general oversight of the community, he can require the compliance necessary to maintain order and charity in its daily life. He does not, however, act alone. He does not have authority over those who have received their own ministerial responsibility and interdependence. This service of the Church, often exercised in the person of the bishop, is intrinsic to the Church's structure according to the mandate given by Christ and recognized by the Church. This is yet another form of authority.

22. Although primacy and conciliarity are complementary elements of episcopate it has often happened that one has been emphasized at the expense of the other, even to the point of serious imbalance. When churches have been separated from one another, the danger has been increased. The *koinonia* of the churches requires that a proper balance be maintained between the two with the responsible participation of the whole people of God.

23. If God's will for the unity of the Church is to be fulfilled, this general pattern of the complementary primacy and conciliar aspects of episcopate serving the *koinonia* of the Churches needs to be realized at the universal level. The only way which makes any claim to universal primacy and which has exercised and still exercises such episcopate is the see of Rome, the city where Peter and Paul died. It is in this see that the Holy Spirit is active in the Church. Whatever further clarification or interpretation may be required by the Church, the truth expressed will always be confessed. This binding authority does not belong to every council; it belongs to those which formulate the central truths of salvation. This authority is ascribed in both our traditions to the ecumenical councils of the first centuries.

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solid basis for confronting them. It is when we move from these basic principles to particular claims of papal primacy and to its exercise that problems arise, the gravity of which will be variously judged:

(a) Claims on behalf of the Roman see as commonly presented in the past have put a greater weight on the Petrine texts (Matt 16.18; Luke 22.31, 32; John 21.15-17) than they are generally thought to be able to bear. However, many Roman Catholic scholars do not now feel it necessary to stand by former exegeses of these texts in every respect.

(b) The First Vatican Council of 1870 uses the language of "divine right" of the successors of Peter. This language has no clear interpretation in modern Roman Catholic theology. If it is understood as affirming that the universal Church has been entrusted with the keys of the Kingdom of God, it is not in communion with the bishop of Rome as less than fully a church, a difficulty which would remain; for some this difficulty would be removed by simply restoring communion, but to others the implication would be that the Church is entering into communion with Rome by teaching. It must, however, be borne in mind that the doctrine of infallibility is hedged round by conditions which are laid down at the First Vatican Council. These conditions preclude the idea that the pope is an inspired or inspired more clearly than others certain aspects of the saving truth. At times these revelations, accepted or rejected, may be inadequate, mistaken, or even incoherent with the gospel. When such revelations are accepted, they may be inadequate, mistaken, or even incoherent with the gospel.

26. The Council of 1963 envisaged the coming together of the Roman Catholic Church and the churches of the Anglican Communion in terms of "unity by stages". We have reached the point at which the churches of the Anglican Communion, and apart from the Roman Catholic Church, are in a position to consider whether or not they are judged to express on these issues the same faith as the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy Spirit is active in the Church. Whatever further clarification or interpretation may be required by the Church, the truth expressed will always be confessed. This binding authority does not belong to every council; it belongs to those which formulate the central truths of salvation. This authority is ascribed in both our traditions to the ecumenical councils of the first centuries.

WEST EUROPE

Nine tell East Europeans to stop overfishing or they will be banished from Community waters

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Jan 18

Foreign ministers of the EEC agreed here today to present the Soviet Union, East Germany and Poland with a fisheries ultimatum. They must choose by the end of the month between outright banishment from Community fishing grounds or compliance with the catch limits communicated to them at the turn of the year.

On the basis of figures supplied by Britain, Mr Finn Olsson, Swedish Minister of Fisheries, told the ministers that the three East European countries, and in particular the Soviet Union, had fished at levels that would quickly exhaust their quotas.

Speaking as chairman of the Council of Ministers, Mr Crosland, the Foreign Secretary, told a press conference after today's meeting that the Soviet Union, which was given a three-

month quota of 36,000 tons, had been greatly overfishing.

Mr Crosland said the aim was to take a tough line on the East Europeans, but taken as a matter of urgency, there had also been a measure of agreement to need to introduce an licensing and notification system for the fishing boats in non-Community countries. The licences would be issued to the countries concerned EEC member states.

There was no new proposal on the Commission's proposed conservation measures and share-out of catch between EEC member states within their collective 2% zone. Instead, the EEC agreed to prolong by the standstill arrangement approved last December, allows member states to continue fishing in each waters at the same level as the corresponding last year.

Split appears in EEC over Portugal entry

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Jan 18

Signs of serious divisions within the European Community over how to respond to a possible Portuguese application for membership later this year appeared at a meeting here today of Foreign Ministers of the Nine. The meeting was the first to be held under the new presidency of Mr Crosland, the Foreign Secretary.

Previously, little consideration has been given to the political and economic implications of enlarging the EEC further. Ministerial minds have been wonderfully concentrated on the economic aspects of the decision to decide what to say to Dr Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister, when he tours European capitals in February and March.

The main purpose of Dr Soares' mission will be to assess the likely response to a membership application. His visit will be taking place at a time when the EEC is already embroiled in difficult negotiations with Greece. In addition, there is the prospect that the Soviet Union, in the light of the unsatisfactory response so far to requests to reduce its large trade surplus with the EEC.

Trade pact signed with Middle East countries

From David Cross
Brussels, Jan 18

The European Community has signed a trade pact with the Arab world, strengthening its ties with the significant trade, aid and cooperation with Egypt, Jordan, Syria.

Emphasizing the importance of the new agreement, Mr Crosland, the Foreign Secretary, said they encourage both sides "to co-ordinate our efforts to establish a new pattern of relations between developed and developing countries in keeping with the hopes and aspirations of a more just and balanced world order in the world."

Mr Crosland, who was acting on behalf of all member governments, said the agreements in his capacity as acting chairman of the EEC's Council of Ministers.

In equally euphoric vein, Zakaria Abdul Fatah, Egyptian Minister for Trade and Development, said the agreements reflected response by his country, and Arab and Syrian to the idea of unity in Europe.

On a less enthusiastic note, however, the Egyptian Minister made it clear that he and Arab colleagues were still satisfied with the level financial aid being offered the Community under the terms of the agreements. Community's failure to prove the terms of its offer of grants and loans totalling 270m units of account (about £175m) over the four years or so had holding up the conclusion of the agreements.

The signing of today's agreements means that the Community has now negotiated trade, aid and cooperation links with all the Mediterranean Arab countries except Lebanon.

A similar pact with Israel is signed in Brussels tomorrow. It is the Community's careful policy of ing to act even-handedly in the Middle East.

Snowed up tip for Swiss drivers near Lugano

From Richard Wigg
Setubal, Jan 18

Dr Ernesto Viktorino, a 41-year-old schoolmaster, is one of the new crop of Socialist mayors who emerged from Portugal's first democratic municipal elections held last month. After more than 40 years of authoritarian government, he faces grave problems of financing the administration of Setubal, a leading industrial city.

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Jailbreak wave was planned minister claims

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Jan 18

Signor Francesco Cossiga, the Minister of the Interior, claimed today that detailed planning was behind many of Italy's recent jail escapes. He said that the state of public order, while grave, would not create fear among the public.

Meanwhile, prison warders throughout the country have begun a protest against their working conditions by refusing to leave their posts when their shifts end.

Bonn pledge to support Italian loan efforts

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Jan 18

The West German Government managed to boost Italian morale considerably by the time Signor Andreotti, the Prime Minister, completed his official engagements in Bonn tonight.

Although Bonn no longer favours direct bilateral aid of the kind given two years ago with DM5,000m (£1,250m) and prefers to help in concert with other nations, Signor Andreotti returns to Rome tomorrow a

Little stronger politically than he was when he left

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Jan 18

He has a firm promise of support from Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, in his efforts to raise a loan of \$500m (£311m) from the International Monetary Fund. Official sources say that Herr Schmidt has committed Bonn to supporting the application as a member of both the IMF and the European Community.

Herr Schmidt said that he was "very encouraged" by the Italian campaign to strengthen the economy and to welcome the reduction of import controls.

Minister attacks Tory move to exclude Wales from devolution Bill

Commons stage of the Wales Bill was Mr Nicholas Edwards, in a speech of 15 minutes, moved the amendment to the Bill to exclude Wales from the provisions of the Bill. He said that the Bill was a "disgrace" and that it was "a betrayal of the Welsh people". He said that the Bill was a "disgrace" and that it was "a betrayal of the Welsh people". He said that the Bill was a "disgrace" and that it was "a betrayal of the Welsh people".

SPORT Rebuilding has long way to go at Everton

By Norman Fox
Everton 1 Bolton Wanderers 1
Troubled Everton, managerless and looking for something on which to rebuild, are by no means sure of brightening their season by reaching the League Cup final. In their semi-final round, first leg tie, at Goodison Park last night, they came across the determined second division opposition of Bolton Wanderers, who only equalized two minutes from the end, but suggested enough in a second half that they dominated, to put doubt in Everton's minds.



McDonagh, the Bolton goalkeeper, makes a despairing attempt to reach McKennie's header which gave Everton the lead.

Several times McKennie dodged and swerved elusively in Bolton's penalty area, and he was the closest to all-comers, but it was his header that, deservedly, he called the Cup tie atmosphere as he coolly held the ball in his magnetic control and provided the winning goal. The crowd, which was not seen as much as they were concerned, so Everton failed to capitalize on his ideas or the more predictable, combined efforts of his colleagues. Bolton could make only staggered progress until well into the second half when the snow falling on the pitch seemed to help the first half and although Reid, Whitmore and Taylor were previously players of ability, their chances were limited. It would not be enough.

When thousands missed a treat

By Norman de Mesquita
Arsenal 3
Arsenal took their unbeaten run to 10 league matches at St Andrews last night, but they were denied a wonderful recovery to save a point in a game that was a fine advertisement for the Football League. The only pity was that the crowd was the smallest league game of the season. With Francis on one side and Hudson on the other, it promised to be a game of the season. The Arsenal full back made an attempt to pick up a deft back heel by Hudson and centred right on to MacDonald's head. This goal was no less than the winner, and one had to admire the way they continued to play throughout, accurate and patient football.

Yesterday's results and scorers

League Cup, Semi-final round, first leg
Everton 1 Bolton Wanderers 1
FA Cup, Third Round, second replay
Aston Villa 2 Oldham Athletic 0
First division
Birmingham 2 Arsenal 1
Second division
Lincoln 1 Watford 0
Third division
Lincoln 1 Watford 0
Fourth division
Lincoln 1 Watford 0

Rugby Union Discrepancy between sentences blatant

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Geoffrey Wheel, the Swansea lock forward sent off by Norman Sanson for throwing a punch during the Wales-Ireland international last Saturday, will know tomorrow, when the Welsh union disciplinary committee consider his case, whether he will be available for his country's key game in Paris on February 5. The Irish No. 1, William Duggan, who was sent off at the same time for retaliation, was given only a fortnight's suspension by a hastily convened meeting of the union's disciplinary committee for selection against England in Dublin on the same day. The mildness of the sentence on Duggan must have raised eyebrows, particularly among members of the Scottish Rugby Union, whose disciplinary committee recently banned one of its players for more than a season and a half—admittedly for what looked on television to be frightful violence—and the victim of the attack, Gordon Brown, for three months. Brown's reaction, in what seemed to be a fit of uncontrollable rage, was to hurl his assistant into the ground and then to put the boot in. I imagine that it was his last action, whatever sympathy may have been felt for him, that cost Brown so dearly.

McFarland shows class in rough and ready tie

By Gordon Allan
King's College 19
King's College beat Guy's by five wickets in a rough and ready tie of the Hampshire Cup rugby match at Honor Oak Park yesterday. Their opponents, the second round of the Chislehurst a week tomorrow will be Westminster, but beat them at the same stage last season. Just before half time, and just after a scrum, Chislehurst's one of Guy's lock forwards, was carried off with a fractured cheekbone, and Palmer took his place. Then, midway through the second half, Guy's second lock, was ordered off for punching. But when every allowance is made for these minor incidents, the tie was a really well fought one.

High scoring forecast in Cup semi-final

Dave Sexton, the Queen's Park Rangers manager, forecast two high-scoring clashes with Aston Villa in their League Cup semi-final. "Both sides can play attractive, attacking football and are capable of scoring plenty of goals," he said. "Thomas has his first outing last night, for the reserves against Ipswich, since fracturing a cheek bone early last month. Roy Saunders, who led Villa to the second League Cup triumph against Norwich at Wembley two years ago, has included the young midfielder player, Gordon Cowans, in his squad of 15. Cowans, who sampled League football for the first time against Rangers in September when he was substitute, was pulled out of England's youth squad yesterday as cover if Cropley and Gidman both trained yesterday and Mr Saunders is optimistic about their chances of playing in a full-strength side.

Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7.30, unless stated
First division
Aston Villa 2 Oldham Athletic 0
Second division
Lincoln 1 Watford 0
Third division
Lincoln 1 Watford 0
Fourth division
Lincoln 1 Watford 0

Siberian outlook threatens cup tie at Wakefield

Wakefield, who reached the semi-final round just as snow can see little hope of the first round. The club, Robin Foster, said yesterday: "Our ground is frozen hard under a good four inches of snow and the pitch is a brown solid ice when we had a 24-hour thaw last week. We are going ahead with arrangements, but unless the weather improves, we cannot honestly see any way the game will be played. It looks like Siberia. But although their own pitch is frozen, the Wakefield players got useful practice last week when they beat Manchester University 61-6 on a perfect surface on the other side of the Pennines.

Middlesex game leads to many changes by clubs

Middlesex's county championship semi-final match against Warwickshire at Richmond has resulted in wholesale team changes for London clubs on Saturday. London Scottish, who move up the road to play London Welsh at Old Deer Park, lose their captain and centre, Freddie, who is also the Middlesex captain, and their international halves Wilson and Lawson. On the credit side Donald MacDonald makes his debut as does Blyth at scrum-half. Steele and MacLennan return from international duty. Barlequins, who play the RAF at Twickenham, also lose three players to the county, the wing Lambert, the scrum-half Rawie, who is a reserve, and the tighthead Alexander. Burroughs comes in for Lambert. Winslip replaces Rawie and Sutton is in for Alexander. Barratt has still not recovered from a shoulder injury and Jackson returns to the back row. Richmond are playing Waterloo at 12.30 before the county match and will be without the locks Rawie and Hest. They are replaced by Humphreys and Slater, who will be making his first team debut. Ausden, a tight head prop, who has joined Saracens from Fulham, makes his first appearance for them at Bath because McGregor is playing for Middlesex. Saracens paraded another Fulham last week, when the centre Smithers made his debut against Moseley. Saunders returns in place of the centre, and in two other changes, Stevens is at No 8 in place of Riddle, who is unavailable, and Holden, who comes into the second row in place of Morris. Wasps, who play Sale, will lose their full back, Rickie, and they hooker Bignell to Middlesex. But before then, they face Rosslyn Park at Richmond tonight and take the opportunity to play Simmons against his former club. They also welcome back French, an England reserve last Saturday. Rosslyn Park will be without their new England centre, Kent, who cannot get away from hospital duties at the moment. French switches to the centre with Bates at full back. The captain, Keith-Roach, is unavailable and Smith deputises. Scott is at No 8 as Tipley is deputising for him. Bignell replaces the flanker Morgan, who was concussed in training last week, and is resting before the county semi-final. London Irish cannot play at Sunbury will be without Parfrey who is a Middlesex reserve and Jones, out for four weeks with a dislocated shoulder. Leper is on the wing in place of Parfrey and Webster comes in on the flank for Jones.

Rovers' Cup dream ends in nightmare

Northingham 5 Bristol R 0
Bristol Rovers' Cup dream ended in a nightmare when they were beaten 5-0 by Northingham in their second round FA Cup replay at Villa Park. Forest continued to dominate the game, and after Woodcock had hit the woodwork, Anderson and O'Hare completed the rout. Rovers, who had been led by a promising first-half spell by Bristol when Stanforth shot just over after clear work on the left wing by Robertson. White grabbed the third with a fine header and Woodcock slipped in quickly after what was his fourth in the first minute. Despite losing Lloyd, a dominant defender, Forest continued to dominate the game, and after Woodcock had hit the woodwork, Anderson and O'Hare completed the rout.

Cross-country Simmons gives up attempt at his third title

Tony Simmons, champion for the past two years, has pulled out of the inter-county cross-country championships, at Western Park, Leicester, on Saturday, because of poor form. Simmons has been troubled by chest pains, following a heavy cold which he picked up on his return from Brazil, where he competed in the New Year's Eve Sao Paulo round-the-houses race. "I was hoping for the hat-trick, but there is no way I can win the race this time," said Simmons, one of Britain's outstanding cross-country runners in recent years.

Hockey West justify the hopes of their supporters

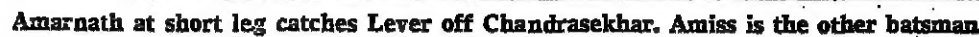
By Joyce Whitehead
West 5
After being a goal down in the first five minutes West went on to beat East at Canford School, near Wimborne, yesterday in the women's territorial hockey championship. It was West's first win in the series for three and a half seasons, and by half-time, with a lead of 2-1, they gave their supporters great hopes which they justified with three more goals in the second half. The match, played on the hard court pitch in the beautiful surroundings of the boys' public school, started at a fast pace. From the half, East went into the attack and Cella Sinclair scored with a superb shot. East looked extremely confident but West recovered and their soon capable not only of holding the last and skilful East forwards but also of giving support to their own attack. West played as a team and seldom let gaps. Janet Edwards's marking of Mrs Sinclair near West's circle foiled many of East's attacks. East's captain, Valerie Robson, was by far the most skilful player on the pitch. She was in defence, and a constant source of danger in attack but too often there was a wide gap between the

Charltons lead tour by all-stars

Bobby Charlton and his brother, Jack, who helped England win the World Cup in 1966, will lead and play in an all-star team on a tour of the world's emerging football nations next summer. Simmons has been troubled by chest pains, following a heavy cold which he picked up on his return from Brazil, where he competed in the New Year's Eve Sao Paulo round-the-houses race. "I was hoping for the hat-trick, but there is no way I can win the race this time," said Simmons, one of Britain's outstanding cross-country runners in recent years.

Cambridge elect Hignell to his second captaincy

Alastair Hignell, England's rugby full back, yesterday achieved another milestone in his illustrious sporting career. The 31-year-old Cambridge University player, who has been appointed captain of the Cambridge XV for next season. He had already been chosen to lead the university cricket XI in 1977. Hignell, an outstanding schools cricketer and rugby player, is believed to be one of the best of both captaincies at the same time while at Denstone College. Hignell, an RAF officer's son, played for the county of Gloucestershire and was captain of the last season at an average of 50.81.



From John Woodcock

MCC might have got an apology

Skiing

Schurns, Jan 18.—Bernadette Schurrigen, of Switzerland, won the World Cup downhill race here today, her task made easier by the fact that the World Cup champion, Moser (Austria), veered off the trail and hurtled into the new snow lying on the course. She was here first, 1:27.3. Mittemaler (West Germany) was second in 1:31.38 sec. 0.35 sec behind the winner, and Marie-Thérèse Nadig, of Switzerland, third in 1:32.95 sec.

her sister's achievement. She said: "I certainly know I can't match her. The track was fine and I liked it."

Her brother, Grabensteiner (Austria), who finished fourth, said she inadvertently burnt her ski boots just before the race. "Annoying," he said. "I had to change them in a balcony, even shortly before the start to warm them up. Mine burned. A helicopter was sent to our hotel to pick up my reserve boots. They got them just in time for the start."

It was the fifth downhill victory for Miss Zurbiggen's career, but it was her first in the 1970s. She marked the first Swiss downhill victory since Doris de Agostini won the 1958 world cup in Austria. The course was 2,215 metres long, with a vertical drop of 536 metres.

The downhill had been scheduled for Monday, but there had been a clash among some of the skiers, their coaches, the International Skiing Federation (FIS), Erich Demetz, of Innsbruck, who said the skiers of the 1970s were not used to having staged a strike.

The skiers agreed after this afternoon that the decision not to start the race should be lifted. The conditions today were good. Miss Zurbiggen said: "I was in trouble, but I managed to remain on my balance and then skied as fast as I could."

Miss Muttermueller, sister of Rosi, the Olympic champion, was asked if she was trying to match

Ms Moser tumbled after about 40 metres in the race. She got into trouble in the first turn, lost her balance and raced into the snow on the right side of the course. She tried to get up, but avoid a fall, but was unable to do so and almost disappeared in the deep snow. She managed to get to her, but she remained on the ground for several minutes. She was about 100 feet, clutching her left shoulder.

The Swiss victory followed five American victories in a row this season.

RESULTS: 1. Miss Zurbiggen (Switzerland) 2:15.4; 2. Miss Muttermueller (Switzerland) 2:20.0; 3. Miss Moser (Switzerland) 2:25.0; 4. Miss Spies (Austria) 2:24.0; 5. Miss Demetz (Austria) 2:25.0; 6. Miss Muttermueller (Switzerland) 2:25.0; 7. Miss Moser (Switzerland) 2:25.0; 8. Miss Spies (Austria) 2:25.0; 9. Miss Muttermueller (Switzerland) 2:25.0; 10. Miss Moser (Switzerland) 2:25.0.

WORLD CUP: 22 points: 2. A. Moser (Austria) 1:12.0; 3. M. Muttermueller (Switzerland) 1:12.0; 4. M. Moser (Switzerland) 1:12.0; 5. B. D. Zurbiggen (Switzerland) 1:12.0; 6. B. Zurbiggen (Switzerland) 1:12.0; 7. Miss Spies (Austria) 1:12.0; 8. Miss Muttermueller (Switzerland) 1:12.0; 9. Miss Moser (Switzerland) 1:12.0; 10. Miss Spies (Austria) 1:12.0.

display at the ground today, and the atmosphere there when Lever came into the action, were an indication of how much damage it is now in danger of.

The people of Madras are pleased at the knocking up banners tonight. When England played us last, four years ago, they were up with "MCC! Win or lose!" and "Give us a new captain!" and had got overheated the previous evening when they thought the umpire had given England not out to a clean catch slip.

Today we have had "Cheater Lever home. Tony Greig down under!" "Lever did cheat!" "MCC, don't be greedy!" and are elaborately "True, with a sealine ball keeps its shine. It's a bowl true if you have the eye."

Switshman on Sunday evening crowd made their own friendly noise. This time he was held on the third man and he had an empty bottle down at him. Soon afterwards he howled, the noises started again.

I took the heat out of the need was obvious either an apology from Redl or an explanation of the statement by Alan board of the kind that I received some of them had in mind.

There, a question mark is left. I wonder if the name of the C.C. which in 1952 was discarded.

There are seven English-trained exerts for the Erka Foods Champion's Halls, to be run over two miles at Leopardstown on February 15. They are Night Nurse, Birds Nest, Comedy of Errors, Screamblot, Peterhof, Ration-rath and The Bo-Weevil.

Miss Lennox out

Avril Lennox, the British gymnastics champion, has withdrawn from the Champions Cup at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday because of an ankle injury. Her place is taken by Suzanne Dando,

Latest European snow reports		Conditions		Weather	
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Excellent skiing on all slopes					
ms	114 140	Good	Powder Good	Sun	-8
Good powder on firm base					

la 2000	260	370	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-2
Wind blown crust over piste							
Arren	100	170	Good	Powder	Good	Fair	-3
Superb skiing over whole							
cederau	130	190	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-9
Excellent skiing everywhere							
Good skiing	110	210	Good	Powder	Good	Cloud	0
Runs in general good							
Anton	110	190	Good	Powder	Good	Sun	-20
New snow on good base							
Arren	100	200	Good	Varied	Fair	Snow	4
New snow on hard base							

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By Michael Phillips Tangle and Lanzarote

Weather permitting, there promises to be some excellent racing on Saturday, the only day on Saturday. The big money may be at Haydock Park but, for a relatively little outlay, Kempton offers a very attractive programme. The big names. Against the £20,250 which is the added money at Haydock, Kempton are putting up a £5,000 purse. It is almost certainly that visitors to the Sunbury course will certainly catch a glimpse of the following:- Lord Lansdowne, Tree Tangle, Artifice and Sheldahl, and they may well see Ford Devon, too. When you consider that the £5,000 is involved that is a very big catch indeed.

Only if both April Seventeenth and Eighteenth run as well will the Fulwell Steeplechase test us more about Pendl, and Ford Devon as well for that matter. Fulke is expected to be in the line-up at Ford Devon take Pendl on at Wincanton last week in a race that suited him very well. He is in the line-up with the north still in the grip of wintry weather it is quite possible that he will let him take not only the £5,000 but the £10,000 for the William Bill Yorkshire Steeplechase at Doncaster a week later. Walwyn is unsound, but he is expected to be in the line-up at Ford Devon and for his plans not to be mucked about by delays and cancellations.

It will certainly be good to catch another glimpse of Pendl because there are two schools of thought concerning his victorious comeback. One school says that on December 28, in one camp there are those with reservations. They say that his performance was not as good as his previous one. He has appeared on paper, because the favourite, Game Spirit, never ran, but he has not yet been virtually ridden off before half way.

On top of that Spanish Tan, the new Pendl eventually beat by a narrow margin, probably finished at the same time, but only by half miles. At the same time, however, it is only fair to point out that Pendl did not have the advantage of the Kenon Steeplechase. Against Game Spirit it was by far and away the fastest time of the day, and away from the influence of the crowd. As Fred Winter feared after in the absence of about two years.

The list of four-day acceptors for the £10,000 Fulwell Steeplechase includes both Tree Tangle, and White Whirl. The Cup this season, even though the odds of giving 10th place looks like a long one, is a special one, you realize that Kempton Lansdowne's favourite comes out of the hat. It is not a horse that will never be beaten. But if Tree Tangle runs as well as he has, it is not a horse that will be a tough opponent. It is a horse that will be a tough opponent. Lansdowne, even at these odds, is a horse that will be a tough opponent. Lansdowne, even at these odds, is a horse that will be a tough opponent. Lansdowne, even at these odds, is a horse that will be a tough opponent.

The Newmarket Handicap should also serve a useful purpose in that it will enable Artifice to appear in the line-up for the Schweppes Gold Trophy at a public rehearsal without the risk of picking up a bad reputation. The Fishermen's Cup, Brief Cash, Lone Eagle are other Schweppes contenders also entered in the line-up at Kempton. All in all it is not an enlightening affair but particularly keenly followed and endorsed by the racing public. It is a thing that Michael Seal, who has been in the line-up at Kempton for many years, says that Artifice was trained all winter by Schweppes in mind.

There is a group due to start at Kempton on Saturday, Shelahan, whose current owner is the Walton. Notices have been put out that Shelahan was made favourable in the Daily Express and that he was in the line-up in the second after he had won with a division of the Novices Hurdle at Kempton. He was in the line-up and only race over hurdles and he won by eight lengths. Comfortable though that was, what Shelahan is at a short start from Decent Fellow, whose much stronger field, who is a horse that will be a tough opponent. It is a horse that will be a tough opponent. It is a horse that will be a tough opponent.

I wonder if the fact that Shelahan is trained by Ryan could be a factor in the line-up. The wizard of Finton seems capable of putting the hearts of bookmakers.

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By John Karter

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Only a charter of hope for change can calm the young lions of Soweto

Helen Suzman, Progressive Party Member of Parliament in South Africa, contributes this week's guest column

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the current unrest in South Africa, which has lasted for nearly six months and only now shows signs of abating, is the leading role played by high school pupils.

It was they who organised the mass demonstration in Soweto against the use of the Afrikaans language as a teaching medium in the high schools. When the demonstration escalated into widespread riots after a violent confrontation with the police, it was they who kept up the continued defiance of the authorities. They did this even though the death toll mounted alarmingly, the wounded numbered hundreds, and thousands were arrested. It was they who organised repeated stay-at-home strikes of adult workers.

The pupils, who are generally older than those in white schools, have not hesitated to use violence to achieve their objectives, stoning buses, trains and taxis carrying township residents to and from their places of work, and setting fire to buildings in the black townships. The liquor stores and beer halls were early targets in the riots—they give us drunk parents. The young have achieved what the police have long failed to do—they have closed down the shebeens (the illicit bars). "Midnight deadline for booze" was the headline in the Soweto paper *The World* on October 31—incredible six months ago to imagine Soweto, with its vast consumption of liquor, going dry.

Once the hated regulation regarding Afrikaans as a teaching medium had been withdrawn (and this happened shortly after the original riots took place in Soweto in mid-June), it may well be asked why the situation in the townships did not return to normal.

The answer is to be found in the fact that the teaching medium was only one of many grievances which have turned Soweto and the other black urban townships into tinder boxes, only awaiting a spark to set them ablaze.

Conditions in the sprawling black urban areas have steadily been deteriorating. In Soweto, 2,000 houses need to be built each year to keep pace with the natural increase alone. Only 798 were built last year, and the overall shortfall today is more than 20,000 at the minimum. The resultant overcrowding is appalling. Two-bedroom houses with 12 occupants are not uncommon. Then one-sidedness of the houses has electricity. Indeed, how any youngster manages to study under present conditions is a mystery. Transport and recreational facilities are hopelessly inadequate. "Bantu education", as it is called, is neither free nor compulsory, as it is for white children, and is much inferior to the education received by white children.

Family incomes are generally low, and the cost of living has soared. Blacks are well aware that the quality of life in their segregated townships compares very unfavourably with that in the white suburbs. If, as the head of the Black Consciousness Movement has claimed, "communism is behind the riots", they would certainly find fertile fields in which to work. To the simmering causes of discontent, add the Government's failure to implement promises to remove race discrimination made at the United Nations at the end of 1974, the revolutionary changes in Mozambique and Angola, and the imminent

demise of the Smith government in Rhodesia, and the reason for the obduracy of the young becomes clear. Not for them the silent submission of their parents. Perhaps if the Government had, early on in the unrest, swiftly negotiated with black urban leaders, the situation would have been defused. Instead, the Prime Minister opted out entirely, declaring that there was no crisis in South Africa, and that he had every confidence that the police could handle the situation. The Minister of Police thus became the key figure, and his attitude has been characteristically tough. Police action has been anything but restrained. There are many ugly stories (hotly denied by the police) of unprovoked police violence in the townships. The Minister has arrested and charged thousands of young blacks with arson and other crimes, many others are being detained incommunicado under the Terrorism Act for interrogation, and about 120 adults and youths were held under the Internal Security Act, which permits preventive detention without trial.

The Government has badly misjudged the spirit of determination pervading the youth in the black urban areas. There is something closely akin to a resistance movement dominating the black townships. The solidarity of the youth is remarkable and becomes especially sig-

nificant because they constitute by far the majority of the urban black population—in Soweto, it is estimated that well over half of the population is under the age of 23. Unlike the adult black political movements, there do not appear to be informers among the black youth. Significantly, one of the young leaders was on the run for several weeks before he was captured; the country: no one informed on him despite the 500-rand reward offered.

Whether or not black youth has been permanently alienated one cannot say. If more violence and repeated confrontations are to be avoided, the Government should stop shooting and start talking, and, needless to say, negotiations are more likely to succeed if conducted round a table rather than through prison bars. If the pupils are to be coaxed back to school, their friends in detention will have to be released, and police activity around the schools will have to cease. Fundamental changes are needed, too, in the education system.

Most of all, what is desperately needed is a charter of hope for change—not tough action, for while it is true that black youth is becoming increasingly radical in its demands, there are still many millions of blacks who would welcome peaceful change in South Africa.

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Farming: Are we feeding ourselves to death?

The subject of agriculture is one of bewildering complexity. From a whirlwind of green pounds, butter, mountains and advertisements, the fact strikes the eye that food increases rapidly while its taste and the health of its consumers decline. Obesity, coronary thrombosis and some cancers are all caused by the wrong diet, invigorated by the fallacy that if something is good for you the more of it you eat the better. Our condition is such that the National Sickness would seem a more accurate address for our medical services.

In many countries, there is now concern that mainstream agriculture has taken the wrong course. Researches, at the end of last century, led to the belief that the soil can be virtually bypassed, except as a supporting medium, and the plants fed directly with soluble, often synthetic, chemicals. From this sprang the development of further artificial products—insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. Modern agriculture has become a capitalised industry, supported by a machinery, packaging, chemical and pharmaceutical firms and research institutions—a giant network concerned more with production of money than food. Farms have become factories where plants and animals are injected with every sort of industrial product in order to achieve maximum yields—and maximum return on capital.

The excessive use of chemical fertilisers not only pollutes rivers and lakes, but it also destroys the fertility of the soil itself, and may lock up essential minerals necessary for the health of plants and livestock. One example is that potash will go into insoluble compound with magnesium thereby denying magnesium to the plant and to the animal which eats the plant, this is one of the causes of hypomagnesaemia in cattle. The farmer is compelled to resort to an arsenal of poisons against pests and diseases which are not fully effective as controls and the long-term results are uncertain.

Also unseen is the waste of energy. To produce one ton of nitrogen fertiliser, between three and five tons of fossil fuels are needed—50 per cent of which is absorbed by the plant, the rest being lost in run-off or seepage, during which it can turn to poisonous nitrate. A number of recent publications have analysed various aspects of energy use, particularly in United States agriculture. Approximately five times as much energy goes into the production of food than is actually contained in the food itself. Furthermore, as far as science research has gone in the past, all we have been directed to improve quantity of yield, not quality, and value is assessed by bulk not nutritive content.

Health, quality and rejection of dangerous practices are the priorities of the alternative movement in organic or biological agriculture, which is supported by

several organizations (The Soil Association, The Henry Doubleday Research Association and The Organic Farmers and Growers are just three). These practical people have little time for woolly romanticism, hippies, food faddists and cranks. They have evolved a positive scientific system of agriculture based on a more complete biological or ecological view—growing food from the land, rather than transmuting imported chemicals and proteins into eatables using the land as a factory floor.

The central idea is to build up soil fertility (and the population of micro-organisms which create humus and produce natural plant foods to maintain all plant health and resistance to disease) by returning all organic waste to the land in a cycle of renewal. Feed the soil to feed the plant to feed the animal/human. Animal residues are vital for the health and nutrition of plants—if all animal and human excreta were harnessed chemical fertilisers could become virtually redundant.

Organic farmers vary. It is impossible here to give full details of their husbandry. Some buy in feed, manures and seed; others are self-sufficient. All are opposed to not using chemical fertilisers for direct plant feeding; not leaving the land uncovered; not ploughing deeply and in avoiding the use of synthetic insecticides. Most operate a balanced livestock and crop rotation, but one at least is working on an experimental monoculture of potatoes to develop a low cost system.

What about the economics of such farming? Conventional farm costs have doubled in the past three years, yet one Welsh organic farmer, with 224 acres, has a Guernsey herd, writes that his variable costs are as low as £8 an acre. In the view of another organic farmer, much of the expense of conventional farming is unnecessary. It is provoked by commercial propaganda and adds to overheads. "I wouldn't eat a lettuce from a supermarket if you paid me—completely forced on artificial nitrogen. It's true urban people kicked up a fuss."

Currently much organic produce carries a premium. But most farmers within the movement want to see this go—along with all the health food racket—and to see their products, guaranteed chemical free, reasonably priced in supermarkets. At present consumers have little choice of how they eat or where it comes from. They are,

if only at second hand, the unwitting victims of advertisement and monopoly.

Many doubt whether an organic system of agriculture could produce enough for the world's population. It is often argued that the world's population would be famine. But a growing number of people believe that the so-called "green revolution" has been created by levels of chemical fertilisers and irrigation that developing countries cannot afford, and crops that are vulnerable to disease and drought. Biological systems could be developed to produce all the food the world will need at a fraction of the present western agricultural energy requirements.

Recent surveys in France and the United States corn belt, together with a preliminary report from the Agriculture Economics Unit at Cambridge University (currently working on British organic farm costs) show that organic farmers can obtain yields as high as those of industrial agriculture with sometimes greater profits. Moreover, these results are achieved without the aid that conventional agriculturalists receive from chemical and governmental advisory services into which millions of pounds are poured—the British government spends £50m on research and development in agriculture, 80 per cent in research. What might these farmers accomplish with the backing of scientific research? It is not a question of regression, but of how to go forward.

In 1975 the Council of Europe urged member governments to set up networks of pilot farms to conduct long-term experiments into biological farming. In the same year £250,000 was donated by the Nuffield Foundation to shape an agricultural strategy that meets the needs of farmers and serves the whole community. In the words of Lord Rothschild, the scheme will neither contain nor be influenced by "eco-nuts, vegetarians, drug-bred addicts".

On the continent governments are co-operating. The Dutch are involved in a project for an International Institute of Biological Husbandry—only the means are wanting.

As the Council of Europe stressed, present knowledge of ecology, biology and food science is still inadequate. No one knows the long-term effects of chemical residues in food, in humans, or in the environment. The development and potential of organic farming depends on the provision of scientific research and this depends on political and economic choice. Consumers should rise and demand that the government conceive a sense of

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Report sees foreign sales passing 'unacceptable' level Car imports may top 40pc

By Clifford Webb
Midland Industrial Correspondent

Renewed demands for government action to restrict car imports are likely to follow yesterday's publication of a forecast that foreign manufacturers will this year pass the 40 per cent share, which the Government has already said is "not acceptable".

Prospects for the British industry in 1977, produced by the authoritative Economist Intelligence Unit, also predict that Ford will replace Leyland as market leader by a clear 5 per cent, taking 30 per cent to Leyland's 25.

It expects a further modest increase in the United Kingdom total car market from 1.38 million last year to 1.35 million this year—up 5.5 per cent, with nearly all this extra business being snapped up by importers. British manufacturers are expected to increase their sales by 3.5 per cent, while the importers continue to make inroads with 13.4 per cent more. This would give them nearly 41 per cent penetration compared with 38 last year and a record 46 in December.

The report says the extra business will almost certainly come from "bottled up" demand in company and fleet sales, which account for about 60 per cent of all new cars sold in Britain.

The inference here is that British manufacturers who traditionally dominate this area are now under attack in their strongest sector.

The report gives warning that companies who have long insisted on buying British are now permitting employees to choose any car manufactured in an EEC country.

Although the Japanese are widely identified with the import problem, much of the importers' additional business this year will come from the three American giants—Ford, Vauxhall and Chrysler.

Their British subsidiaries are already significant importers of cars made by their European affiliates and this cross-channel flow will be further increased if, as the report suggests, all Ford Capris are soon made in Germany.

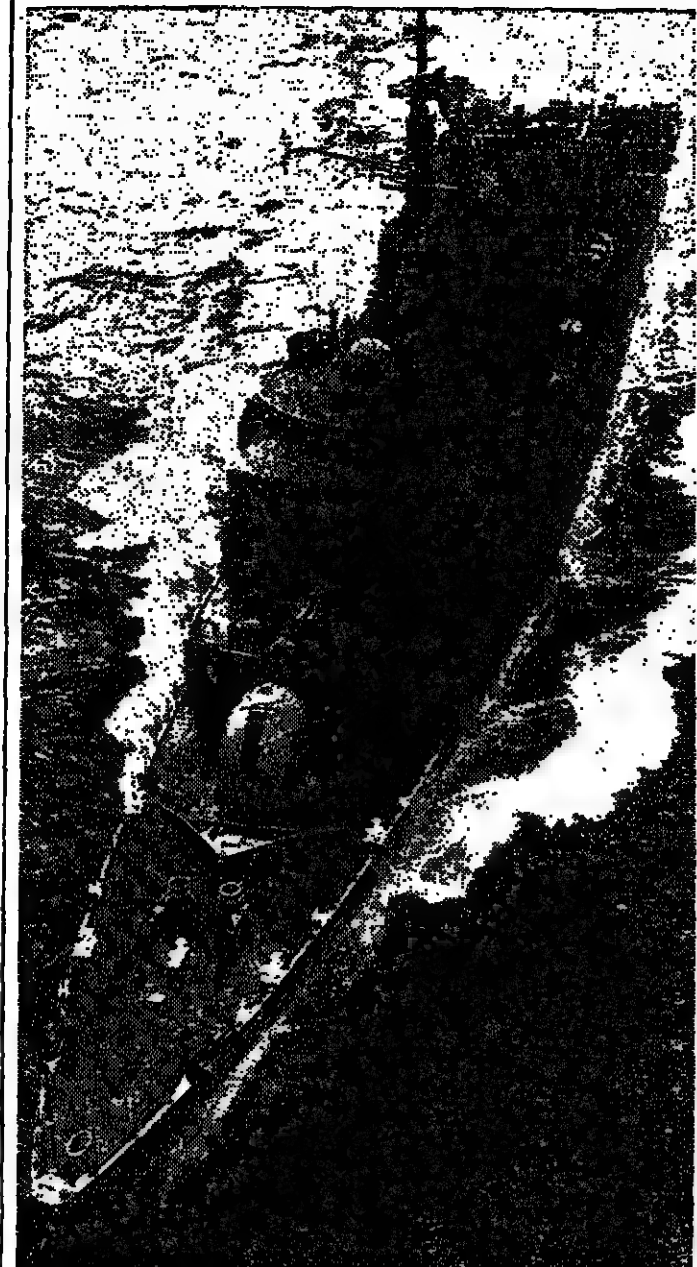
It believes that the Japanese penetration of 10 per cent is as much as the Government will

permit. A high-level deputation from the Japanese Automobile Manufacturers' Association is expected to confirm voluntary restrictions to achieve this when it arrives in London later this month.

Leyland Cars' output is forecast to rise by 5.6 per cent to 220,000 units—a little over 15,000 cars a week and well short of the 22,000 cars the company is aiming for.

Mini sales are expected to decline following the British launch of the Ford Fiesta next month. On the other hand the Princess, Rover and Jaguar models are expected to do well. An impressive 50 per cent rise in Chrysler production is forecast, compared with 20 per cent for Ford and 13 per cent for Vauxhall. Much of the Chrysler increase will be accounted for by the launch of the company's new small car.

Forecasting a 16 per cent increase in exports, the report says 1977 could be "an excellent year for British exports" with latent demand for certain models in the EEC and North America, and substantially increased shipments to Iran by Chrysler.



Niterol, the Brazilian frigate, fitted with Olympus gas turbine engines which are also incorporated into the Dutch Navy's "S" class frigates.

Fiat voters approve Libyan deal

From John Earle
Turin, Jan 18

An extraordinary meeting of Fiat shareholders here today overwhelmingly approved the deal announced in early December whereby the Italian motor car manufacturer will receive an injection of about 360,000 lire (£240m) from the Libyan Arab Foreign Bank.

Signor Gianni Agnelli, the chairman, said afterwards that he expected it would be possible to call a board meeting to nominate new Libyan directors in about a month.

Votes representing only 52 shares out of more than 188 million were cast against a motion for extending shareholders to renounce in favour of the Libyan deal.

The deal involves a capital increase from 150,000m lire to 165,000m lire and to an issue of 90,000 lire worth of convertible bonds. The Libyan Bank will also provide Fiat with a 10-year American dollar loan of \$104m (£66m) bringing its total involvement to about 360,000 lire.

In a letter to shareholders he described Fiat's 1976 performance as better although this was largely due to the firm's devaluation, whose effects would in themselves be illusory and in the long term negative. It should be possible to pay this year a dividend out of profits, not out of reserves.

Motor car output of the Fiat group in Italy (Fiat, Autobianchi, Lancia and Ferrari) was, according to provisional figures, 1,339,000 units in 1976, 158,000 more than in 1975.

Sales were also 3.1 per cent up, including a 9.8 per cent rise in exports from Italy from 561,000 to 617,000. "Nevertheless," Signor Agnelli stated, "we have still not managed to haul the automobile sector off the rocks once and for all."

The Fiat group now employs 328,720 people throughout the world, of whom 187,200 are in Italy. The highlights of its other sectors last year were as follows:

Commercial vehicles (Iveco): A 10 per cent sales increase from 95,416 to 105,000 of which nearly 60,000 was exported from Italy.

Iron and steel (Telsit): The sector was completely restructured, concentrating on special steel, so that it could sell on the open market rather than continuing merely to meet Fiat's internal requirements. Total production was 14 per cent up, at the equivalent of 2,050,000 tonnes.

Agricultural tractors: Sales rose 13 per cent from 70,833 to 80,600 with exports up from 50,740 to 52,600.

Rolls hoping for £18m marine engines order

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Rolls-Royce (1971) is poised to win a marine engine export order for up to £18m of gas turbine engines for the West German Navy which is embarking on a major modernization of its fleet. Within a few weeks the group is expected to learn whether its bid to supply Olympus and Tyne marine gas turbines has been successful.

German naval authorities have carried out over the past year an extensive evaluation of the Rolls-Royce product and that of its rival, the American General Electric, and final decisions are expected shortly. The German Navy is understood to be planning to place orders for at least six frigates, with the strong possibility of a follow-on order of a further six.

Yesterday at The Hague, Rolls-Royce announced that it had secured a £10m order for Olympus and Tyne marine gas turbines for the Royal Netherlands Navy. The Dutch have previously placed orders for the engines for eight earlier vessels in the standard frigate class and the latest package involves construction of four more similar vessels.

Apart from the Dutch, the Belgian and French navies are also operating vessels with Rolls-Royce propulsion units, with West Germany outside this "club".

Rolls executives are guardedly optimistic that the West Germans will decide in favour of its engines. The company has orders for £120m-worth of industrial and marine gas turbines with about 80 per cent of its order book destined for export.

Nigeria, Ecuador and Peru are among a number of countries now planning naval development programmes and Rolls-Royce is hoping to pick up further orders.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taxing treatment for employees living in the UK and working abroad

From Sir Joseph Latham

Sir, Ministers neglect no opportunity to exhort all concerned to increase overseas earnings. Yet the Chancellor of the Exchequer is contemplating changes in taxation of overseas earnings which would operate as a powerful disincentive in many cases.

In 1974 the Government withdrew the concession by which earnings from overseas employment were taxed only on remittances to the United Kingdom and (for absences of less than 365 days) substituted a deduction of 25 per cent from the earnings in computing the liability to United Kingdom tax.

It was generally understood that the deduction was not dependent on the existence of a separate employment covering the duties overseas, but recently the Inland Revenue has ruled otherwise.

On December 15, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that "he believed it important to find ways of improving the

tax treatment of employees living in this country and working abroad", and that "he had asked the Inland Revenue to issue a consultative paper outlining proposals for such changes" with a view to consultations and legislation in the next Finance Bill.

It is astonishing that under the guise of "improving the tax treatment" the proposals include a provision which restricts the 25 per cent deduction to overseas earnings of someone who works abroad for a continuous period of 30 days or more, and applies this restriction even to cases where there is a separate employment overseas.

The Inland Revenue justifies the restriction on the grounds that a man "who goes abroad for a very short absence does not incur the same extra expense or suffer the same disturbance". Yet surely to make (say) 20 visits overseas totalling 80 days is far more disturbing than a single visit of 30 days.

Moreover, the vital is not that of expense or distance, but the need to provide incentives to make overseas earnings and tax advantages to promote interests of the United Kingdom. In many cases a provision of this kind would operate as a disincentive to continue to incur the strain and danger of frequent visits.

The Inland Revenue is proposing changes in the treatment of reimbursement expenses connected with visits which would disadvantageous to people.

The Government must that priority should be to industry and stress needs. Is it too much to ask that their actions should be in the interests of the country?

Yours faithfully,
J. LATHAM,
25 Badingham Drive,
Leatherhead, Surrey.

Industry's relations with the schools

From Mrs J. A. Petty

Sir, My husband is extremely interested in the young and the many careers of the world of today has to offer them. Opportunities are varied and legion—indeed at times find it a most difficult task to fit enthusiastic and undecided young people into happy and fulfilling employment.

Our two sons were both educated at Biddell's School, Tiverton, which has an outward-looking headmaster and staff. Consequently, many rugged marches, fairs, speech days, etc. have been attended.

We were always impressed by the boys' keenness to know more about business, so my husband arranged business seminars at the school, bringing in a cross-section of businessmen, bankers, etc. and, all important today, officiating members of trade unions.

The proceeding would start in the school hall, dividing the boys into groups, giving each group the same problem, perhaps a sales or marketing problem; the leader of each group receiving guidelines to help discussion; then a break for lunch, the boys sitting at mixed tables with the results.

After lunch the written results from each group were discussed—which proved extremely interesting. The boys loved the exercise, especially being marked by the visitors, and eventually a winning group was chosen. (Report writing is something new to the young, and cannot be taught too early.)

One can say the young must be tired of hearing about our industrial problems through the

media, etc. but when thrown into an actual "situation" and faced with sound men from industry and trade unions, these seminars brought from the floor lively questions, a deep and searching interest.

Industry is all about ideas; the boys thought the exercise great, and asked for repeats. The men were tremendously impressed by the searching questions and profound thoughts of the young—especially their flair and innovation for modern industrial design.

Early education and encouragement in this area can help matters later on; if occasionally businessmen in towns and cities could spare a little time to go into schools with these projects—both businesses and boys would benefit.

Industrial relations are very big business and, coupled with the thoughts of these young potential industrial innovators, who have no chance to stretch their minds in this area at this stage of their education, we could, as a nation, hold our heads high again in the markets of the world.

Britain could quite easily "have off her brains"—many are strangled or frustrated by bureaucracy or engaged in wrangling in government.

We must, therefore, channel this lively intelligence in all our schools to the basic fact that it is imperative to manufacture and to sell attractive and sound commodities abroad. This, after all, is what industry is for, and cannot be taught too early.

Yours faithfully,
(MRS) JOSE A. PETTY,
Kingswood House,
Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Gas leaks and corporation's charging policy

From Mr R. W. Hill

Sir, Your correspondent, Henry (January 10), raises matter of our charging in dealing with gas leaks. Readers should understand, we make absolutely no charge for calling to investigate or for making safe.

If repair work is necessary on the customer's or the main meter or on an appliance not covered by our guarantee or service contracts, we make no charge for the work, but we do our best to treat such cases sympathetically and make no charge for the pipes leading to it; it is owned by us and is our responsibility.

No charge were made for repairs to individual customer's appliances or, in fact, that would mean the other customers would be paying for the work, which those customers who take to maintain their equipment properly so as to lessen possibility of urgent repairs being necessary.

I would also draw your attention to the Gas Safety Regulations which make it an offence to use gas appliances if a competent person has found them faulty.

Yours faithfully,
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London WC1.
January 14.

German miracle or a little help from friends?

From Mr G. East

Sir, Mr Stephen Schott (January 14) is right, but has not enumerated all the miracle-working which many enjoyed in the early war years.

In addition to the access of "millions more hands" to the home market, half a million paying guests (the form of British, American, French and other forces, their dependants, all bring in and spending badly needed foreign currency. She contributed to the national budget costs of the occupation, being forbidden to have for of her own, she spent a smaller proportion of her national product on this than her "occupiers" were spending on defence.

Similarly, being forbidden to have an arms industry, they were productive capacity (all those willing hands) available for consumer goods and exports, at a time when the United Kingdom had a national productive capacity £1,000 tied up in arms manufacture.

Miracle? Or a little help from her friends? Yours faithfully,
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Incentives to manufacture

From Mr T. G. Arthur

Sir, Mr B. E. Cotton (January 12), in pleading for tax relief for "manufacturers", misses a number of fundamental points.

In the first place why must "the country shift its material and human resources into manufacturing industry"? Mr Cotton implies that this would increase exports, close the payments gap, and provide all of us with more resources. Exactly the same argument could be applied to non-manufacturing industry, however.

Secondly, the argument is in any case fallacious. The payments gap is purely a function of exchange rates and some rather arbitrary accounting. Action outside market forces to close it would reduce not increase resources. Imports are the gain from trading, exports are merely a way of paying for them.

Importers bringing us shirts or fish at low prices are conserving our resources, and exporters who cannot get rid of their merchandise to show a margin of income over expenses are wasting resources. Let's have some Queen's Awards for imports for a change!

Thirdly, there is nothing which decrees manufactured goods to be more desirable than, say, services. A movement out of manufacturing is a normal feature of a developing

economy. The right ratio of manufacturing to services is determined by consumer preferences. I am sure that were the free market allowed to operate there would be more "manufacturing", but while government interference such as tampering with money, high taxation, etc. remains, it is perfectly justifiable to satisfy the resulting consumers' desires even if they are pictures rather than refrigerators.

If the goods are wanted, Mr Cotton, they must be paid for by consumers, in the same way as services are. Why should those who prefer meditation (say) have to fork out to provide motor cars? And anyway, what is "manufacturing"? Does it include, for example, publishing, and if not why not?

Finally, let me wish Mr Cotton luck in his quest for relief. Relief on a discriminatory basis is better than none at all, and I would never call taxation "fair" as Mr Cotton implies. But let us off here, not just those industries who happen to be making goods of certain classifications, which cannot be shown to be any more beneficial than others.

Yours faithfully,
T. G. ARTHUR,
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Bedford.

Stabilizing the pound's rebound

From Lord Balogh

Sir, The wild gyrations of the pound which we have experienced in the past few months cannot but render any rational economic calculation in planning of exports difficult and costly. Industries where the gestation period is long (those producing capital and durable consumer goods) will be especially affected by long-term hedges are not available.

These gyrations were not the reflection of the basic forces governing costs and prices in the major trading countries, the long exploded theory of "purchasing power parities" or the relative rates of inflation, as some ill-advised monetarists would have it. They were the consequence of violent, and often irrational alterations of fear and hope.

In the absence of sensible and large scale international arrangements it would have been difficult to resist the downward pressure on the pound. The so-called "safety net" is a valuable step forward but is still insufficient as it covers only official sterling debtors. From this viewpoint

can and must be controlled. I hope that the events of the past few days indicate that this policy is accepted.

We suffered from the inflation induced by the rise in import prices. We should now try to keep the pound at a level which is compatible with the present relative cost levels and moderate its variations.

Britain is not alone in the world and therefore it must, in devising its exchange policy and demand management, take into account the vast surpluses of the Arab Opec countries which are once again increasing and might reach \$50,000m in 1977. It is utterly folly to leave the distribution of the consequential deficits of the oil importing countries to alternating and increasingly severe deflationary bouts of savage neighbourly policies.

The "safety net" for the world, needed to offset the destructive ebb and tide of these balances, must be reckoned in tens of billions of dollars and the close cooperation of the creditor countries to lighten the burden of the debtors. From this viewpoint

to stimulate the United States economy are a most welcome change from the policies of the previous Administration.

Without a change in German attitude, however, they will be sufficient to regain for a non-Soviet world the momentum of steady expansion which was lost in 1974 as a result of the spread of policies based on monetary fallacies.

If the relative stabilization of the pound is carried out at world prospects further to prove, the Government should see the light to expand the domestic economy. We must not be tempted to think of rise in sterling as a victory nor go for an accumulation of external surpluses.

The first would frustrate an export recovery and the second would be ruinous to the world because it would lead to cut in public expenditure and private restrictionism. The importance of these problems has been acknowledged by the Prime Minister himself taking charge.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS BALOGH,
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Oxford.

Letraset

Interim announcement	Six months ended 31st October 1976	1975	Year ended 30th April 1976
Sales (£000)	13,413	10,185	32% 23,743
Profit before tax (£000)	2,870	1,596	80% 4,335
Earnings per share (p)	5.84	3.82	53% 10.37
Dividend per share (p)	0.816	0.393	2.541

A successful trading period

Profits for the first half increased by 80% on the same period last year, which was itself a record. The volume of sales has shown the expected growth, and cash flow remains very healthy. The trends of sales and margins are expected to continue firm for the remainder of this financial year, and the Board anticipates a satisfactory increase in second half profits.

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Warning on Act which eases rules for debtors

A warning about bankrupt persons seeking credit from retailers and loan organizations was made yesterday by Mr Paul Brooks, chairman of British Debt Services.

Under the new insolvency Act bankrupts can apply for up to £50 worth of credit without committing a criminal offence. Hitherto £10 was the limit.

The new Act also made it easier for debtors to declare bankruptcy. Mr Brooks pointed out a debtor has to be at least £200 in debt, compared with £50 previously, before he can be declared bankrupt.

Record exports of wool textiles

Record exports of £30.4m by the British wool textile industry in November raised the annual rate for 1976 to £226m for 1976 compared with £219m the previous year. November's total was £11.4m, or 60 per cent above earnings in November, 1975. The National Wool Textile Export Corporation said last night that in the first 11 months of 1976 exports were worth £268.3m, £70.4m or 36 per cent higher than last year's period.

Linwood union accepts double shift working

Shop stewards at Linwood, Renfrewshire, Chrysler's largest British car assembly plant, have dropped their opposition to the company's plans to introduce double shifts later this year.

This means that the car maker which was the subject of a massive Government-backed rescue operation last year, can go ahead with proposals to step up output and recruit another 1,500 workers in one of Scotland's high unemployment areas.

Acceptance indicates a new mood of confidence in a company that less than 12 months ago was threatening to pull out of Britain altogether and was persuaded to stay on the basis of a big reorganisation of its operations and a redundancy programme that involved huge cuts at its Midland plants.

Now, with car assembly operations largely centred on the Linwood plant, Chrysler plans to introduce a new small car range later this year, at present code-named the 424. The plans for double-shift working from April 18 are regarded by the management as central to the programme of gearing up Linwood's capacity to cope with the model as well as increasing output of some of the existing range.

Nationalized industry prices rising faster than in private sector

By Malcolm Brown

A retail price index of nationalized industry prices over the 15 years 1960 to 1975 rose much faster than a comparable index compiled for total retail prices, according to a study released yesterday by the National Economic Development Office.

The study, one of three background papers published as supplements to the NEDO study of state industries produced last November, says that the retail price index of nationalized industry products rose by 8.4 per cent per annum during the period under review, as against 7.2 per cent for the total retail price index.

But NEDO gives warning that the direct role of state industries in the inflation process should not be exaggerated. "Their contribution, as a percentage in the total increase in retail price inflation, was little more than 8 per cent and this was only slightly greater than the volume share of nationalized industry products in total consumer expenditure."

The report finds that price restraint and subsidies to state industries may help to mitigate wage and price inflation, but there may be less desirable effects.

"If offsetting reductions are not made," it says, "subsidies imply an increase in government expenditure. If this increase cannot be financed by increased taxation, sale of government securities or overseas borrowing, an increase in money supply will result. This will, under the monetarist argument, increase inflation and, even under the institutionalist argument, it could increase excess demand for

labour, lead to an increase in union militancy and consequently increase the rate of wage inflation."

Subsidies will also cause misallocation of resources, says the study, if used to maintain activity in an inefficient sector.

The other two papers published yesterday cover the relationships of state industries with other sectors of the economy, and exports and imports.

Discussing the relationships which have evolved with other sectors, the NEDO says the nationalized industries are particularly important as suppliers of intermediate products.

Sales to private consumers are also more important than for the average manufacturing industry. In 1971, for example, more than 30 per cent of the output of gas, electricity, coal, railways and ports and telecommunications went to personal consumers; the average for manufacturing industry was below 40 per cent.

The final study shows that both British Airways and the British Steel Corporation are major foreign exchange earners and large importers. Foreign earnings represent more than half of total receipts, and net foreign exchange earnings have varied between 20 and 28 per cent of gross output since 1960.

Bonn urged to safeguard textile jobs

Bonn, Jan. 18.—The German textile industry needed protection against the German government's decision to favour imports from developing countries as well as immediate tax concessions to expand or even to stay competitive.

Herr Wilhelm Hardt, president of the Textile Industry Association, said today at the annual meeting.

Herr Hardt cited imports of Turkish cotton yarn and Italian pantyhose as examples of textile imports that were directly or indirectly subsidized by their governments. Although these countries were bound by European Community agreements forbidding this.

He also mentioned imports from South Korea, Taiwan and Brazil, which receive favourable treatment under the terms of the World Trade Agreement.

Herr Delley Rohwedder, state secretary of the Federal Economics Ministry, who attended the meeting, responded to Herr Hardt's comments by saying that the federal government was continuing negotiations against dumped imports according to the terms of binding agreements. However, in some cases, as with the Italian pantyhose, it was difficult to prove any violation.

Regarding the World Trade Agreement, Herr Rohwedder felt it would be better to renew the agreement, due to expire at the end of this year, under its present form.

Figures released by the textile association indicated that orders to German textile makers rose an estimated 6 per cent in real terms in 1976, while production was up an estimated 10 per cent. For the first 11 months, German textile exports were up 23.8 per cent from the same period in 1975 to DM12,064m (some £3,000m) while imports rose only 15.9 per cent to DM16,765m.

Herr Hardt noted that a recent survey of the industry indicated that the annual spending for 1977 should reach last year's level of just over DM1,000m.

Subsidence raises cost of insurance

Many householders who claim that their insurance companies are not covering the cost of subsidence have been affected by subsidence will have to meet more of the repair costs themselves.

This is the result of changes being made by the companies to the wording of their policies—the result of an enormous increase in subsidence claims caused by last summer's drought.

The change, however, will not affect the thousands of householders who have already put in claims. Because of the contractual nature of insurance policies, the tougher subsidence clause cannot be inserted until existing policies come up for renewal.

Under the old wording, householders were in most cases liable to pay the first 3 per cent of the insured value of the house and the insurance company met the rest of the repair bill. But because this basis penalized those who were insured properly and benefited those who were underinsured, the companies are now to make householders pay the first 3 per cent of the rebuilding cost of the house.

Because the rebuilding cost of a house is often much higher than either the market value or the sum insured, the householders' 3 per cent will also be higher.

The insurance companies have seen subsidence claims soar in the past two years. In 1976 alone they estimate claims will total about £85m, each claim averaging about £3,000.

The first company to go ahead with the change is the Sun Alliance, which has operated the new clause since January 1 on new policies and which will apply it to existing policies as they come up for renewal. All the other main companies are expected to follow suit.

Sun Alliance is altering the clause from 3 per cent of the sum insured to £150, whichever is greater; to 3 per cent of the rebuilding cost, or £250.

Millspaugh men get jobs

Ronald Kershaw, the Sheffield engineering company, which announced its closure on Monday was yesterday "inundated" with inquiries from other groups looking for skilled and semi-skilled workers.

A spokesman for the company, which is part of Seiber, the United Kingdom subsidiary of the Swiss Grubler Suber Group, said there would be little trouble finding alternative work for at least two thirds of the 362 hourly paid workers affected.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Index clears 375, scoring 23 points in four days

Against a background of favourable economic news, the buyers were out in force and the fourth day running share prices made good progress.

The main incentives for investors were Monday's trade figures and the prospect of a significant cut in the Minimum Lending Rate at the end of the week. The FT Index, 7.3 up at 11 a.m., rallied from an earlier note in the early afternoon to close 6.7 ahead at 381.1, a gain of more than 23 points over the last four sessions.

A point of encouragement for some was that the index

Up sprang the profits of Leyland Paint & Wallpaper from £424,000 to a record £1.35m in the year to October 2. The board's optimism suggests 1976 or more this year. At 36p, the shares are valued at little more than £2m, and there is a 14 per cent yield as well.

Had gone above 375, a point often seen as the market's upper limit by those who think little progress will be made until later this year.

Government bonds had another good day, with heavy

turnover in all sections of the market. Short-dated stocks advanced very sharply in the morning and closed up to a point higher on the day, with an eighth of a point of their best.

Widespread confidence that interest rates would fall, together with some signs of overseas interest, ensured a strong market.

"Mediums" were also stronger and there was also good demand for the long-dated stocks. Gains in "longs" ranged up to 1 of a point, in exceptionally heavy trading.

The long-dated stocks closed at around their peak for the day. Hopes for a recovery in the industry and high yields brought some good gains in the building sector, where the best were Johnson-Richards Tiles up 14p to 160p, Tilbury Contracting 13p to 206p, Marchwell 7p to 12p, TAYLOR Woodrow 6p to 254p, RVS 5p to 132p, AP Cement 5p to 171p and Concrete 4p to 49p. But Travis & Arnold were left 3p lower at 107p after a bid denial.

Ahead of results today, Rank ended unchanged at 158p, after reaching 162p, but elsewhere in the 25p and 26p and 27p to 99p. Reynolds Parsons were lowered

23p to 131p on union opposition to possible power station mergers.

Among the "blue chips", the strongest spots were to be found in Glaxo, bought by 12p to 422p, Unilever 10p to 434p, Pilkington 9p to 302p, Beecham 8p to 396p and Courtaulds 4p to 103p. But ICI, though the busiest counter of the day, was hit by heavy trading and closed at an unchanged 357p.

In spite of reports that the New Year sales claims were extravagant and some disappointing sales figures, stores continued to be in demand with Mothercare gaining 8p to 216p, Boots 7p to 123p, Gas "A" 6p to 185p, WH Smith "A" 4p to 354p and House of Fraser 3p to 80p. After the terms from Linford's, Gateway "A" rose another 11p to 59p, with Bishop's

Stores, where Gateway has a stake, 3p to the good at 75p.

Food issues also attracted demand, notably Rowntree, which spurred 12p to 215p after a rise in the sale of Tins up 7p to 117p. Booker, McConnell 6p to 144p and Sainsbury 5p to 130p. Best of the engineers were Weyburn 14p ahead to 360p after last week's figures. Baxi's 6p to 103p, Tube Investments 6p to 334p and APV 5p to 282p.

The annual meeting of Bass Charrington, up 3p to 89p, brought interest to the drinks sector with Guinness 3p to the good at 128p, after a report and Allied firm at 60p after news of a big expansion plan. But firmest of all was Vaux with a rise of 10p to 245p. Tea shares also went ahead with McLeod Russell gaining 7p to 130p and Lamura 13p to 85p.

Speculative stocks continued to attract attention with Bristol Stadium adding 3p to 11p after news that the Scots Restaurant stake had risen to more than 10 per cent. For's Biscuits better at 102p on fresh bid hopes and Lyle Shipping 10p to the good at 132p. Late in the day, FMC was very firm and finally closed 13p better at 72p on renewed hopes of terms from Borthwick. Common Brothers reacted 7p to 183p on profit-taking.

The possibility of timber prices being referred to the Monopolies Commission did not stop M. T. Meyer rising 1p to 48p and Magnet Southern 3p to 130p. Hickson & Welch continued to be helped by last week's figures and were 12p to the good at 345p at one point.

In the financial sector, the clearing banks ended at or just below their overnight levels, but there were two good spots to be found in Bill Samuel 4p to 67p and Smith St Aubyn 4p to 67p.

Demand for property shares was selective, but there were good gains from Apex 8p to 132p, Hamamston "A" 7p to 350p, Haslemere 7p to 172p and Guildhall 6p to 60p.

In oils, BP rose 6p to 820p, Lasso 10p to 280p, while

Burmah, which some think share, look expensive, unchanged at 52p. After fi Trident TV rose 2p to 2p but F. Wrighton lost 2p to Equity turnover on Janu was £58.60m (12,923 barg According to Exchange

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Latest dividends

Company (and par value)	Ord div	Year ago	Par	Year's total	Prev year
Amber Day (10p) Int	0.65	0.65	—	1.25	1.25
Crook Group (25p) Int	0.89	0.89	2.3	2.68	2.68
Deborah Int	1.25	1.25	—	2.50	2.50
Johnson-Richards (1p) Int	1.25	1.25	—	2.50	2.50
Letrasa (10p) Int	0.81	0.81	—	1.62	1.62
Trident Television (10p)	1.61	1.61	—	3.22	3.22

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in this table dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Adjusted for scrip.

Heron goes like a bomb as it stalks Henlys

By Richard Allen

Heron Motor Group lifted pre-tax profits 51 per cent in the first six months to September 30 and business is still "going like a bomb" according to Mr Peter S. Reynolds, chairman.

The Heron Corporation's 75 per cent owned subsidiary which breached the £1m profits mark for the first time last year lifted its pre-tax profits from £337,000 to £813,000 on sales more than 28 per cent ahead at £51m.

The interim dividend goes up from 2.17p gross to 2.38p. Last year's total was 4.4p.

Mr Reynolds reported that nearly all activities throughout the United Kingdom continued to be in the green. Particularly strong improvements were seen in both new and used car sales.

New car sales amounted to something like £24m despite continuing difficulties in obtaining new vehicles from British Leyland and to a lesser extent Rolls-Royce. The group believes that it could easily have lifted this figure by a further £5m if the cars had been forthcoming.

The recently launched truck and van rental division continued strongly but truck sales were again disappointing, reflecting low industrial investment.

Heron still refuses to be drawn on the question of its 26.7 per cent stake in rival motor group Henlys. Heron bought 25.6 per cent of Henlys from Brown Brothers Corporation last October for £1.84m—a price of 67p a share compared with the market price then of 55p.

Later the same month Heron picked up 40,000 shares in the market, fuelling talk that a bid possibly involving the parent Heron Corporation was in the offing.

However, Mr Reynolds said yesterday: "We regarded the shares as a first-class investment. We will continue to consider the situation and take action when and as we see fit."

With Henlys's shares closing at 84p last night Heron is already showing a paper profit of over £450,000 on its purchase from Brown Brothers.

Richards bows out to Imp Knife's 30p

Efforts to persuade Imperial Knife to pay a price "better reflecting the true worth" of Richards of Sheffield were unsuccessful, Mr W. Muller, chairman of Richards, reports. His board was backed in its efforts by a number of major shareholders but it was all to no avail.

But two newly-agreed points swung the balance. They were an offer of 50p cash for each of Richards' 25,000 £1 nominal shares, and an amendment to the 30p ordinary offer. This allowed holders to keep the 0.65p net interim dividend that Richards is to declare.

Still convinced that the group is worth more than 30p a share, the board was "strongly influenced by its belief" that Record Ridgway intended to accept the increased offer, and that Imperial Knife might in any event be gaining enough shares to win Imperial Knife's offer closes on February 4.

Briefly

SCOTT'S RESTAURANT Scott's Restaurant bought an investment 164,951, out of Bristol for £18,000 cash. This holding, together with the 180,000 out bought in May last year, gains holding to 10.45 per cent. Scott's has no present intention of increasing holding.

MOLLOY INVESTMENTS Molloy Investments, 1976, not yet available, but they will be published within next month, board says.

L. B. HOLLIDAY Board reports that accounts for year to June 30, 1976, delayed by difficulty in completing accounts for two overseas subs. Board hopes to publish results about middle of February and accounts by February 25.

WILLIAM PICKLES William Pickles' sub, Harrow Fabrics (International) of Birmingham has bought A. C. Freeman and Sons of Birmingham for £30,000.

Status still has plenty of stamina

Looking more like its old self every year, Hull based Status Discount, the paint and wallpaper discount chain which plunged into losses in 1974 after an excursion into kitchens, carpets and furniture, foresees continued progress.

But the return to Status must mean that this progress will be more rapid from now on. From 1974's losses of £33,000 the group moved swiftly to pre-tax profits of £367,000 in 1974-75. Unabashed, it then more than doubled them to £736,774 in the year to November 30 last. Sales climbed a fifth to £12.1m.

But the first six months saw the long profits leap. Then they strode from £95,000 to £315,000, leaving a respectable £442,000 for the second half year.

It looks, however, as if Status can at least think of regaining the heights of 1973-74 and the year after, when profits were £927,000 and £1.3m. But the directors do not say as much. Five big stores opened last year and three more will do so this year.

Extraordinary items were smaller last year indicating that property provisions are indeed in the past. Earnings a share rose from 2.61p to 3.15p and a final dividend of 1.5p gross takes the total to the maximum of 5p.

Status went out of the dividend list in 1974 and 1975 and late last year lost its close company standing. But the Healey family one way and another is a key shareholder.

K. L. K. selling estate

The board of Kuala Lumpur Kepong has executed a conditional agreement with multi-purpose holdings to sell its 14.5 acre Kepong Estate for £28.9m.

This is to be paid in five yearly instalments, subject to the approval of the Estate Land Board and the appropriate authorities granting permission for the conversion of the property into a housing development. The agreement also needs shareholders' approval.

Panel's advice

The Takeover Panel has issued a statement advising companies involved in legal proceedings in takeover offers. It says that if the board of an offered company contemplates such proceedings in relation to an offer, prospective offer problems may in some cases arise under the Code.

"The board would therefore be well advised in such a case to consult the Panel before any action is taken", it adds.

Deborah Services

Deborah Services, a specialist scaffolding and insulation group has had "another successful half year". Pre-tax profits rose 6 per cent to £340,000 and turnover climbed 7 per cent to £3.1m. Mr A. L. Britton, chairman, says that the group's British Industries term maintenance contracts continues to pay off. The recent acquisition in Scotland is now contributing to profits.

Burroughs' £4m loss

The slide in sterling was largely to blame for a net profit of £225,000 turning into a loss of £4.75m in the year to November 30. Turnover rose from £71.8m to £84.7m. The



Mr E. D. Healey, chairman of Status Discount.

loss was struck after charging £6.68m of exchange losses against £2.39m and tax of £1.49m against £389,000. This Middlesex-based computer group—a subsidiary of the United States Burroughs Corporation, says that orders held up well.

Steady growth at Amber Day

After record profits of £920,000 in the year to April 30, Amber Day Holdings managed a 15 per cent rise to £555,000 in the year to October 31.

Sales went up from £6.68m to £7.26m. The dividend goes up from 0.92p gross to 1.01p and earnings a share were 2.51p against 2.86p.

Mr R. Metzger, chairman, says that business in both the clothing retail and manufacturing divisions is good. Orders are healthy and liquidity is strong. So the chairman confirms his earlier forecast of steady progress this year.

Higher prices may help F Wrighton

In the half-year to September 30, F. Wrighton (member of Amey and Sons (Associated Companies) edged forward from £3.86m to £3.9m, but pre-tax profits fell from £202,500 to £167,900. The board explains that the small sales increase reflects a fall in unit volume.

Prices were held for about 12 months and in the contract field for even longer. But turnover did not rise as expected and belatedly prices were raised.

Moreover, the fall in sterling raised the cost of materials. The directors still hope for better sales and if they get them "something approaching last year's figures for the full year would be reached".

Nationwide adamant

The directors of Nationwide Leisure are ready to reject the proposed offer from British Car Auctions. It would value Nationwide's shares at 10p apiece.

The board has been told that the market for B.C.A. shares is limited and there is therefore no certainty that B.C.A. shares will sell to the open market for 30p.

Cash alternative is considered essential from a group of the size of B.C.A. as it would give those shareholders who

LONDON & MANCHESTER London and Manchester Assurance has bought a further 6,000 deferred shares of British Car Auctions, making its holding 747,500 deferred shares (18.13 per cent).

BLANTYRE TEA HLDS Board reports that a record crop has helped to contain rising costs. The company has substantially increased profit for year to September 30, 1976.

ANSAPONE-BELL CANADA Northern Telecom (member of the Bell Canada Group) and Ansafone (an ATV company) have agreed for Northern Telecom to market Ansafone's new range of compact telephone answering machines in Canada and United States. Northern Telecom has placed an immediate order for production in the United Kingdom and the company expects the agreement to generate "substantial additional business".

Amey Life in UK expansion

NV Amey, one of the largest insurance groups in the Netherlands, has bought 20 per cent holding in Amey Life Assurance, its United Kingdom offshoot. It was formerly held by Bankers Trust International, apart from a 10 per cent held elsewhere. ETI continues however as investment manager.

At the same time the capital of Amey Life has been increased by £1m to £15m to finance expansion in Britain. It is also dropping the name Triad used to describe its main areas of business.

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R & J Pullman look for rise in year's figures

On turnover up from £4.4m to £5.16m for the half-year to September 30, R & J Pullman reached £342,000, compared with £304,000 last time, after interest of £139,000 (£80,000).

Pullman's board reports that trade remains buoyant in export markets and profits for the current period should show an improvement on the second half of last year, making an increased total for the year. This group covers the manufacturer, distribution and retail of men's, ladies' and children's outer wear.

Local authorities

The coupon on this week's collection of local authority bonds has dropped; to 131 per cent. The biggest borrowers are Camden, Grampian, Merton, Redbridge and Uxbridge with £1m each, followed by Eastleigh, Havering and South Wight with £750,000 apiece.

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Upheaval at Italian Int Bank subsides

The management upheaval at Italian International Bank, which was expected to be the appointment of Dr Renato Paoletti to the post of chairman of the Executive Committee. His appointment follows that of Mr Eraldo Varesio as chief executive.

Dr Paoletti's appointment has been made "in order to emphasize the firm commitment to the full support of the IIB of the ultimate four shareholder banks."

The directors say that in the first six months to December 31, 1976, IIB continued to make profits on all its various activities. The recently reported shortfall of £4m on the security relating to certain loans has been guaranteed by the parent.

Andersen Institution de Credit Italiano, the Luxembourg holding company owned by the four shareholder banks.

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM Occidental Petroleum is arranging to float a \$30m 10-year Eurobond issue, bearing 3.75 per cent, through a syndicate led by Kidder Peabody International. The bonds will be offered by a subsidiary, Occidental Finance Corp., and guaranteed by the parent.

GENCO-GUTZEN Genco-Gutzen, which is offering \$30m of notes due in 1984. The notes will be guaranteed by the Republic of Poland whose outstanding United States dollar issues have recently been rated AAA by Standard & Poor's and AA by Moody's. The issue will be underwritten by an international banking syndicate, led by Credit Suisse White Wold.

RESALTE AS The Swedish office supply and publishing group, is to float a \$20m seven-year note issue bearing 8.5 per cent through a syndicate led by Hambros Bank and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken. The notes provides a sinking fund starting February 15, 1980. It will reduce the average life of the notes outstanding to 3.5 years. Final terms and issue price are due on January 25.

Mr J. B. Horner has joined the board of Harrie Machinery International.

Mr H. M. E. McCall has become a director of Thompson Graham & Co.

Mr Alan Wheeler is now a non-executive director of Percy Lane Group. Donald Overfield, financial adviser of V. Tibbly, has been made a director of directors of Percy Lane.

Mr J. A. Bentham has gone on to the board of Doulton Glass

Prospering Trident plans takeovers

Powered by plenty of advertising, the pre-tax profits of Trident Television, the independent programme contractor for the Yorkshire and Tyne-Tees areas, soared 131 per cent to a record £4.82m in the year to September 30. The chairman, Mr G. E. Ward Thomas forecasts a further improvement in the current year. The shares duly rose 3p to 34p.

Turnover rose 39 per cent to £47.17m. Net profits burgeoned from £515,000 to £1.92m while earnings a share improved from 2.5p to 6.1p. The dividend rises from 3.24p gross to 3.57p.

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 17. Dealings End, Jan 28. § Contango Day, Jan 31. Settlement Day, Feb 8.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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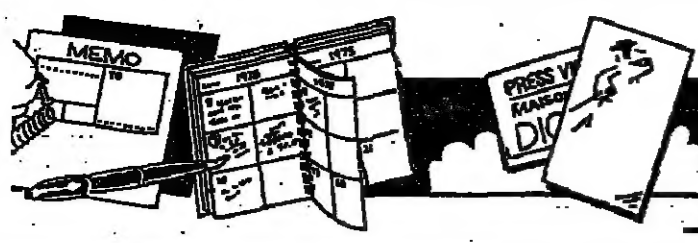
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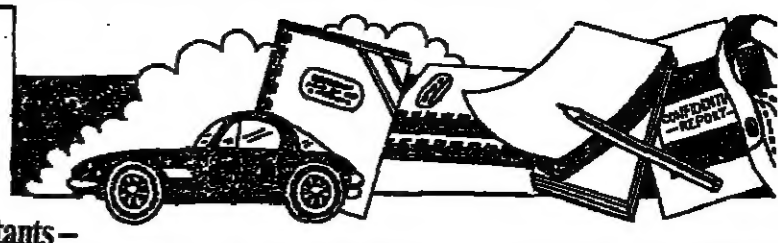
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